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Re: Freedom of Information Request - Autism assessments

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 21st July 2021.

You Asked for:

1. Do you have a locally commissioned NHS autism assessment service for adults? And if so:
 - a. What is the name and address of the service?
 - b. What are the current waiting times for new patients being referred to this service?
2. Does your Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) have any other contracts, for example with other agencies, companies, or localities, to provide autism assessment services for adults? And if so:
 - a. Who are these contracts with? (Please provide the provider name and address as a minimum)
 - b. What are the current waiting times for new patients being referred?
 - c. When are the current contracts due to end?
3. Do you have a locally commissioned NHS autism assessment service for children (under 18)? And if so:
 - a. What is the name and address of the service?
 - b. What are the current waiting times for new patients being referred?
4. Does your CCG have any other contracts, for example with other agencies, companies, or localities, to provide autism assessment services for children? And if so:
 - a. Who are these contracts with? (Please provide the provider name and address as a minimum)
 - b. What are the current waiting times for new patients being referred?
 - c. When are the current contracts due to end?
5. Has your CCG received any Individual Funding Request's (IFRs) for adult autism assessments in the last 12 months (or latest period for which you have this data, please specify the period)? And If so:
 - a. How many such requests did you receive?
 - b. How many such requests were refused?
6. Has your CCG received any individual funding request (IFRs) for child (under 18) autism assessments in the last 12 months (or latest period for which you have this data, please specify the period)? And If so:
 - a. How many such requests were received?
 - b. How many such requests were refused?

7. Has your CCG received any Patient Choice referrals for adult autism assessments in the last 12 months (or latest period for which you have this data, please specify the period)? And if so:
 - a. How many such requests were received?
 - b. For how many such requests was funding approved?
 - c. For these requests how long did it take to approve funding? An ideal answer will include as many of the following as you can provide:
 - i. longest time to approve
 - ii. shortest time to approve
 - iii. average time to approve
8. Has your CCG received any Patient Choice referrals for child (under 18) autism assessments in the last 12 months (or latest period for which you have this data, please specify the period)? And if so:
 - a. How many such requests were received?
 - b. For how many such requests was funding approved?
 - c. For these requests how long did it take to approve funding? An ideal answer will include as many of the following as you can provide:
 - i. longest time to approve
 - ii. shortest time to approve
 - iii. average time to approve

Our Response:

1. Yes.
 - a. A diagnostic and post diagnostic service is delivered by Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (CWP). Please can I suggest that you contact them directly for further information? I have included their contact details below, should you wish to do so:
CWP – FOI@cwps.nhs.uk
 - b. The current waiting times for new patients being referred to this service are 2 - 3 weeks, from referral receipt to the questionnaire being sent out. For urgent cases, there is currently a 24 hour turnaround
2. No.
 - a. Not applicable.
 - b. Not applicable.
 - c. Not applicable.
3. Yes.
 - a. NHS autism assessment services for children are undertaken by paediatricians based at the following sites:

Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (WUTH)
 Arrowe Park Rd,
 Birkenhead,
 CH49 5PE

Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust (WCHC)
 St Catherines Health Centre
 Derby Rd,
 Birkenhead
 CH42 0LQ

Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) via Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Adcote House

Kent Street

Oxton

Birkenhead

CH43 6TX

- b. As of April 2021, 88.9% of Referral to Treatment (RTT) patients were seen within 18 weeks.
4. No.
 - a. Not applicable.
 - b. Not applicable.
 - c. Not applicable.
5. No.
 - a. Not applicable.
 - b. Not applicable.
6. No.
 - a. Not applicable.
 - b. Not applicable.
7. No.
 - a. Not applicable.
 - b. Not applicable.
 - c. Not applicable.
8. No.
 - a. Not applicable.
 - b. Not applicable.
 - c. Not applicable.

We hope this information is useful, however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team (contact details at the top of this letter)

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