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## Re: Freedom of Information Request - Children's continence services

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

### You Asked for:

To assess the current situation for children's continence (bladder and bowel services) in the United Kingdom, please would you answer the following questions:

1. Please state whether the following five paediatric continence (bladder and bowel) services are commissioned by your Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)/funded by your Health Board:
  - a. Bedwetting, If yes, for ages \_\_\_ to \_\_\_
  - b. Daytime wetting, If yes, for ages \_\_\_ to \_\_\_
  - c. Toilet training, If yes, for ages \_\_\_ to \_\_\_
  - d. Constipation/soiling, If yes, for ages \_\_\_ to \_\_\_
  - e. Product (nappy/pad/washable pants) supply for paediatric continence problems, If yes, for ages \_\_\_ to \_\_\_
  - f. If any of the above services are not commissioned/funded and delivered by your CCG/Health Board, does anyone else provide any of these services?
  - g. If yes, please provide details of which partner organisation provides them, which service(s) they provide and the age ranges:
2. Is there a single (integrated) service for all the above five problems?
  - a. If the answer to 2 is yes, is this service led by a paediatric continence advisor?
  - b. If the answer to 2 is no, please list the services that are commissioned/provided and the designation of each of the service leads.
3. If the answer to 2 is yes, please could you tell us:
  - a. How many children and young people are on the waiting list for this service?
  - b. How long has the child currently at the top of the list had to wait?
4. If you answered yes to any part of question 1, please tell us how many children and young people with continence problems are currently on the caseload of the service.
5. Do you have any future plans to:
  - a. Commission/provide new paediatric continence service?
  - b. Review the existing paediatric continence service?
  - c. If so, please provide details.
6. How many full time equivalent staff specialising in paediatric continence are currently employed by the services commissioned by your CCG/provided by your Health Board? Please specify whether they:

- a. Are registered children's nurse?
- b. Have had specific training in paediatric continence management
- 7. Are you aware of the Children's Continence Commissioning Guide?
  - a. If yes, do the services commissioned in/provided by your CCG or Health Board use it?

### **Our Response:**

Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust (WCHC) provide these services via its Community Bladder and Bowel service. Please may I suggest that you contact them directly? I have included their contact details below, should you wish to do so:

WCHC – [wcnt.foi@nhs.net](mailto:wcnt.foi@nhs.net)

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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