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Re: Freedom of Information Request - Long Covid treatment and referrals

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on the 11th January 2022.

You Asked for:

1. Across all NHS GP services under NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), how many referrals have been made to Liverpool's Long Covid (LC) clinics since the unit's inception?
2. Of that number, how many referrals were successful, and how many referrals were not?
3. Across all your GP practices, how many people are currently undergoing specialist treatment for either confirmed, or suspected LC?
4. Can you please provide a breakdown of the age and gender of individuals accessing LC services? (To protect privacy, this can be noted as >5 if one group has few entries)
5. Of the number successfully referred - how many current patients were hospitalised during their initial illness, and how many were not?
6. According to your records, what is the average duration of treatment for someone diagnosed with LC?
7. How many patients have been re-referred to the LC clinic, or contested a refused referral?
8. How many hospitalised LC patients, now undergoing LC treatment, presented with unusual symptoms OUTSIDE of the typical LC diagnostic framework? (e.g pulmonary and cardiovascular disorders, dysautonomia?)
9. How many non-hospitalised LC patients, now undergoing LC treatment, presented with unusual symptoms OUTSIDE of the typical LC diagnostic framework? (e.g pulmonary and cardiovascular disorders, dysautonomia?)
10. How many patients are currently waiting for a referral to LC services? (Bearing in mind that Liverpool's Long Covid clinics are no longer accepting referrals)
11. How many patients have received additional referrals to external departments? E.g Cardiology, pulmonary, phlebotomy, neurology, Psychiatry, etc.
12. From a medical perspective, are there any new medical conditions which patients appear to have developed as a result of their LC diagnosis? (e.g. PoTS, CFS/ME, COPD, PTSD, Blood clots, anaemia, paralysis, diabetes, etc)
13. Finally, what measures are being taken to improve outcomes and treatment for individuals with either confirmed, or suspected Long Covid?

Our Response:

1. Unfortunately, NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) does not hold this information. Please can I suggest that you contact Liverpool University Hospital Foundation NHS Trust (LUFT) for information relating to referrals made prior to the 4th October 2021 and to Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust (WCHC) for referrals from the 4th October 2021? I have included their contact details below, should you wish to do so.
WCHC - wcnt.foi@nhs.net
LUFT - FOIRequests@liverpoolft.nhs.uk
2. Please see the answer to question number 1.
3. This information is not currently held by NHS Wirral CCG.
4. Please see the answer to question number 1.
5. Please see the answer to question number 1.
6. Please see the answer to question number 1.
7. Please see the answer to question number 1.
8. This information is not currently held by NHS Wirral CCG.
9. This information is not currently held by NHS Wirral CCG.
10. Unfortunately, NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) does not hold this information. Please can I suggest that you contact the current provider of Tier 3 Long COVID services for NHS Wirral CCG, Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust (WCHC)? I have included their contact details below, should you wish to do so.
WCHC - wcnt.foi@nhs.net
11. Please see the answer to question number 1.
12. Please see the answer to question number 10.
13. Please see the answer to question number 10.

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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