Dear

Freedom of Information Request

Further to your Freedom of Information request dated 29 May 2018, the information requested is below.

1. How many diagnoses of ADHD were there in the CCG in each of the last 10 years

NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group only came into existence in April 2013 and therefore does not hold information going back 10 years. The CCG does not hold this information and you would need to contact the providers of these services

Adults

South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust
Information Governance Office
Maudsley Hospital
Denmark Hill
London SE5 8AZ
Tel: 020 3228 5174

Children

Freedom of Information Act Lead
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Unit D, Hermitage Court
Hermitage Lane
Barming
2 How many children and adults are currently waiting for an ADHD diagnosis

Information would need to be obtained from providers. However, referrals are often made for ASC/behavioural difficulties(?) rather than specifically ADHD and the diagnosis of ADHD may be made after a number of appointments/assessments so this may be difficult to report.

3 What is the average wait for an ADHD diagnosis for Children

This would need to be obtained from providers but the providers do work to an 18 week referral to treatment/appointment standard. As stated above, the diagnosis may be established after a number of appointments/assessments so the diagnosis timescale can vary dependent on presenting symptoms and history.

4 What is the average wait for an ADHD diagnosis for Adults

Adults are often diagnosed during childhood so there is not often a need for a diagnostic assessment and patients are seen for a review of condition and/or reinstatement of prescribed medication. The South London and Maudsley would be able to provide waiting times, however, referrals are not made just for diagnoses and there would be a mix of previously diagnosed and new cases on the waiting list. In addition, the nature of the condition can mean that some patients choose to delay their appointments and, as such, are patient initiated delays rather than delays purely attributable to the provider.

5 What is the CCG target time for an ADHD waiting time

There is no formally agreed waiting time target although we do expect providers to offer a first appointment within 18 weeks of referral.

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Cheshire
SK9 5AF
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