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Dear

Freedom of Information Request – DGS 089

Thank you for your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) 31 July 2018. The information you have requested is below

Could you provide details of whether a specific diagnostic pathway for children exists within your CCG for each of the following conditions:

1) Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
2) Autism Spectrum Disorder
3) Developmental Coordination Disorder/Developmental Dyspraxia
4) Developmental Dyscalculia
5) Developmental Dyslexia
6) Specific language impairment/Developmental language disorder

There are not specific diagnostic pathways for these conditions and the diagnosis/care is commissioned from Kent Community Healthcare Trust (KCHT). Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust (KCHFT) provide community paediatric services which are in line with national guidance, eg, NICE guidance, and best practice. Specific language impairment/developmental language disorders services are also provided by KCHFT.

If a diagnostic pathway exists could you provide further details of that pathway?

Please see above.

For each of the above conditions, if a diagnostic pathway exists, could you provide the following details for the last 5 years, broken down by year:
1) The number of children who were referred and the number who were diagnosed
2) The average (both mean and median if available, if not please specify which), minimum, and maximum wait time between referral and diagnosis

In order to obtain this information we recommend that this is sought direct from the provider as the CCG does not have access to a detailed breakdown of activity by condition type. In addition, there are likely to be different waiting times for different conditions. If you have not already done so, you may like to contact KCHFT at

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We hope that this has dealt with your request for information however, should you remain dissatisfied, you have the right to request that we conduct an internal review of your request. If you would like us to conduct such a review please contact us within two months of this letter using the contact details below:

E-mail: swccg.northkent.foi@nhs.net
Post: FOI, NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group, 2nd Floor, Gravesham Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU.

Your request for an internal review will then be processed in accordance with our Freedom of Information Policy, a copy of which can be found on our website:

www.dartfordgraveshamswanleyccg.nhs.uk

If you are still dissatisfied following the internal review, you have the right under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner provides full and detailed guidance on the Freedom of Information Act, and on when and how to complain.

Please find below the link to their website page and their helpline number.
https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/official-information/
Helpline number: 0303 123 1113

In line with the Information Commissioner’s directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. An anonymised version of our response will therefore be posted on our website.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.