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Dear

Freedom of Information Request – DGS 105

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) 5 September 2018 The information you have requested is below.

1. (i) What is the precise number of (a) children and young people (normally aged 18 and under) and (b) adults (normally over 18) you commissioned ADHD services for in the year 2017-18?
   
   It is not possible to provide precise numbers as children and young people access ADHD services through community paediatric team/CAMHSs which are not specifically commissioned for just ADHD. With regards to adults, these are commissioned on a cost per case basis so there is no set activity level.

   (ii) Was there a maximum cap on the number of (a) children and young people and (b) adults that you commissioned services for in the year 2017-18?

   No.

2. What’s your CCGs total amount of budget spent annually on commissioned ADHD services for (a) those under 18, and (b) those over 18

   As detailed above, the children and young people’s ADHD activity is part of the community paediatric/CAMHS services which are a block contracts for a wide range of conditions. The budget for adult ADHD is part of a wider contract with the provider which, again, covers a multitude of conditions.

3. When specifying and commissioning ADHD services, what assumption do you make about the expected number of new patients (a) under 18, and (b) over 18, that will receive a diagnosis in a given year?

   As above. We are, however, exploring CYP transition activity so that we can more effectively forward plan for adult services.

4. When specifying and commissioning ADHD services, what expectations do you set for the number of patients who will be reviewed per annum within the services, for both (a) those under 18, and (b) those over 18
We do not set expectations particularly as the condition affects individuals in different ways and some people will require more support than others.

5. **How many patients (i) under 18 and (ii) over 18 in your area have a formal diagnosis of ADHD?**

We do not record this data.

6. **What is the average waiting time, in months, for those over 18 presenting with symptoms of ADHD (a) from referral to assessment, and (b) from referral to diagnosis?**

As children and young people access generic community paediatric/CAMHS services it is not possible, at this stage, to extract ADHD specific information for waiting times/diagnosis. In some cases referrals may be made for suspected ADHD and the diagnosis is a different condition altogether. All consultant led services are subject to the 18 Weeks Referral to Treatment (RTT) target although periods of ‘watchful wait’ may impact on diagnosis timescales.

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](http://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.
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.