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Freedom of Information Act Disclosure log - Reply Extract

You asked

Under the Freedom of Information Act I wish to request the following information:

1. **How many i) specialist Adult respiratory specialists (ie. on the specialist register) and ii) how many paediatric respiratory specialist (ie on the specialist register) does your trust employ?**
 - i. Two Consultants undertake specialist clinics
 - ii. We have three Paediatric Consultants with an interest in respiratory medicine. They all do respiratory clinics, but also undertake other duties, so are not specific to respiratory.

2. **How many i) specialist Adult respiratory specialist nurses and ii) how many paediatric respiratory specialist nurses does your trust employ?**
 - i. **For adults**

One
 - ii. **For children's services**

Acute Paediatrics does not employ any Specialist Respiratory Nurses. However, The Trust has one lead Respiratory nurse and two other specialist nurses that work alongside them and are supported by the rest of the community nursing team, including one band 4. They support children with all respiratory conditions who require on-going support within the clinics, home and school. (This includes complex asthma, CF home ventilation as well as all other respiratory conditions)

3. **Does your trust provide a specialist asthma service? for i) Adults and ii) Children? If yes, are these i) run by Respiratory specialist paediatricians / and ii) adult physicians (ie on the specialist respiratory register?) If yes, please provide the annual cost associated with running these services.**

For adult services

The Trust runs a specialist service for asthma for adults, including clinics run by physicians on the specialist respiratory register and respiratory nurse specialists. The direct cost of these clinics is £71,332 per annum.

For children's services

The Trust runs respiratory clinics led by Consultant Paediatricians and an Associate Specialist with interests in asthma which incorporate an asthma service. The direct cost of these clinics is £41,495 per annum.

Please also visit our services web page for more information about our chest clinic: <https://www.plymouthhospitals.nhs.uk/chest-clinic>

4. **Please provide a figure for the total adult and Paediatric (Children and Young People 0-18) (CYP) population served by the trust**

Our geography gives us a secondary care catchment population of 450,000 with a wider peninsula population of almost 2,000,000 people who can access our specialist services. Plymouth's population increases during the tourist season and this can also affect the numbers seeking our input.

5. **Please provide the number of emergency department and urgent care centre attendances (Child and CYP) related to "asthma" in each of the last 5 full financial years (up to 2017/18), broken down by financial year**

Financial Year	Status	Number of Asthma Admissions (Primary Reason for Admission)	Number of Asthma Admissions (Secondary Reason for Admission)	Number of Asthma ED Attendances
FY 1314	Adult	216	9070	332
FY 1314	Child	98	670	233
FY 1415	Adult	261	9464	440
FY 1415	Child	120	599	304
FY 1516	Adult	291	9061	426
FY 1516	Child	124	615	314
FY 1617	Adult	255	9359	494
FY 1617	Child	127	583	323
FY 1718	Adult	320	9332	525
FY 1718	Child	142	634	359

- 6. Please provide the number of admissions related to “asthma” for the same time periods.**

Please refer to the table above.

- 7. What is the trust’s annual spend on Salbutamol inhalers and preventer asthma inhalers? Most recent figure is fine.**

£8,166

Attachments included: No