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Freedom of Information Act Disclosure log - Reply Extract

You asked

In accordance with the Freedom of Information (Fol) Act 2000, I would like to request the following information regarding the provision of services for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) within your organisation. If you are not the appropriate officer, please do pass the request on to the correct individual.

As noted in the NICE Quality Standard for ADHD (<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs39>), can you please provide information on:

- **What proportion of children and young people with symptoms of ADHD have been referred to an ADHD specialist for assessment in the past 12 months (Quality Statement 1)**

Our service is not involved in making referrals as we provide the assessment itself. All children and young people who received an assessment from our service in the last 12 months were seen by a specialist community paediatrician who has expertise in working with patients with possible ADHD

- **What proportion of adults with symptoms of ADHD without a childhood diagnosis of ADHD have been referred to an ADHD specialist for assessment in the past 12 months (Quality Statement 2)**

Our Trust does not work with adult patients with ADHD as a primary condition.

Other organisations provide such services

- **What proportion of adults who were diagnosed with ADHD as children or young people and present with symptoms of continuing ADHD have been referred to general adult psychiatric services in the past 12 months (Quality Statement 3)**

N/A

- **What proportion of parents or carers of children with symptoms of ADHD who meet the NICE eligibility criteria have been offered a referral to a parent training programme in the past 12 months (Quality Statement 4)**

** We do not record this information centrally.

- **What proportion of children and young people with moderate ADHD have been offered a referral to a psychological group treatment programme in the past 12 months (Quality Statement 5)**

** We do not record this information centrally.

- **In the past 24 months, what proportion of eligible patients with ADHD who are starting drug treatment go on to have their initial drug dose adjusted and response assessed by an ADHD specialist (Quality Statement 6)**

** We do not record this information centrally. Any changes to medication doses initiated by clinicians in our service would be monitored by an ADHD specialist, with relevant information recorded in the patients clinical notes.

- **In the past 24 months, what proportion of eligible patients with ADHD who are taking drug treatment have a specialist review at least annually to assess their need for continued treatment (Quality Statement 7)**

100%

In addition, can you please provide information on:

- **The number of people with symptoms of ADHD who have come into contact with your service in the past 12 months:**
 - **Children and young people =**

This data is not available as our service patient information is not coded in relation to condition
 - **Adults = 0**
- **The number of people referred with symptoms of ADHD who are currently waiting for their first outpatients appointment:**
 - **Children and young people =**

Five or fewer children and young people with ADHD symptoms identified in their referral information are currently waiting for an assessment. See legal notes

- **Adults = Not applicable**

- **The average waiting time from referral to first outpatients appointment in the past 12 months for**
 - **Children and young people presenting with symptoms of ADHD**

Ten weeks

 - **Adults presenting for the first time with symptoms of ADHD**

N/A

- **The range of waiting times (ie shortest to longest) for patients from referral to first outpatient appointment in the past 12 months for**
 - **Children and young people presenting with symptoms of ADHD**

This has ranged from a 7 – 14 week wait

 - **Adults presenting for the first time with symptoms of ADHD**

Not applicable

- **What specialist services are available for referral for adults presenting with symptoms of ADHD**

Not applicable

- **Does your organisation provide a transition to an adult service for adolescents with ADHD**

Yes for patients still known to our service

- **The age at which your organisation transitions a young person diagnosed with ADHD to general adult psychiatric services**

18-19 years of age

- **Does your organisation receive out of area referrals for specialist ADHD services?**

No

Legal notes

Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust is confirming in accordance with section 1 (a) of the Act that it holds the information requested and is supplying it in accordance with section 1(b) unless otherwise specified.

- * Please find the answers to your questions noting that we have redacted the data set where numbers are five or fewer. This avoids a breach of the first two Data Protection Act principles. This is in accordance with section 40.- (2)(a) and (b) by virtue of section 40.- (3)(a)(i), the personal information exemption as described in the Freedom of Information Act. A detailed rationale is provided in the attached document L3.
- ** Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust is confirming in accordance with section 1 (a) of the Act that it does not hold the information requested in any collated format. Individual records of how someone was treated and their conditions would be held in clinical records, but the Trust could not locate, extract and collate such information as requested within the limitations of the Act. It is therefore considered exempt from supply in accordance with section 12(1) of the Act – Request exceeds the appropriate limit by virtue of section 13.- (1)(a) – The Cost of Compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.

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