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Dear Sir/ Madam

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Further to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding CAMHS Service, please see below our response to your request.

Request/ Response:

I am writing to request the following information from you in regards to young people referred to your service. I would be grateful if under the Freedom of Information act you could supply me with the following:

Please note all responses relate only to the years following the establishment of the CCG (2013).

1. Please could you tell me the budget for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) for each of the following years:
 - a) 2010-2011
 - b) 2011-2012
 - c) 2012-2013
 - d) 2013-2014
 - e) 2014-2015
 - f) 2015-2016
 - g) 2016-2017
 - h) 2017-2018

The CAMHS service is part of a block contract and the budget line is not listed separately, however, indicative spend from 2014 has been published in the Local Transformation Plan on the CCG's website (<https://www.sthelensccg.nhs.uk/media/1756/ltp-refresh-2017-nov-2017.pdf>).

2. Please could you also tell me whether, between April 2010 and the date of this request if the criteria for being accepted for assessment and/ or treatment within the CAMH service has changed. In 2014 the age limit for early intervention was changed, the service went from an 11-18 service to a 0-18 service.
3. Please could you also tell me whether, between April 2010 and the date of this request if there are now groups of clients/ types of problems for which you do not accept referrals. None that the CCG is aware of.

4. Please could you also tell me whether, between April 2010 and the date of this request if the criteria for which agencies/ people are allowed to refer into CAMH services has changed. [In 2014 the referral process was opened up to include self-referral for early intervention services.](#)
5. Please could you tell me if there have been any local limits (formal or informal) placed on the number of sessions that can be offered to children and young people for assessment and/ or treatment. [Prior to 2014 there was a limit of 6 sessions for early intervention, this was removed in 2014, there are currently no limits on the number of sessions offered.](#)
6. How many young people from St Helens were referred to your service in the following years and how many referrals were accepted and not accepted in the following years:
 - a) 2010-2011 [Data not available](#)
 - b) 2011-2012 [Data not available](#)
 - c) 2012-2013 [Data not available](#)
 - d) 2013-2014 [Referrals: 1339, Accepted 1185, Not Accepted 154](#)
 - e) 2014-2015 [Referrals: 1426, Accepted 1106, Not Accepted 320](#)
 - f) 2015-2016 [Referrals: 1799, Accepted 1638, Not Accepted 161](#)
 - g) 2016-2017 [Referrals: 1924, Accepted 1614, Not Accepted 310](#)
 - h) 2017-2018 [Referrals: 1943, Accepted 1592, Not Accepted 351](#)
7. What were the predominant reasons for referrals in the following years:
 - a) 2010-2011
 - b) 2011-2012
 - c) 2012-2013
 - d) 2013-2014
 - e) 2014-2015
 - f) 2015-2016
 - g) 2016-2017
 - h) 2017-2018[This data is not available.](#)
8. Has your service seen an increase in referrals for any particular vulnerability or presenting position in the following years:
 - a) 2014-2015
 - b) 2015-2016
 - c) 2016-2017
 - d) 2017-2018[This data is not available.](#)
9. Could you provide me with an outline of the procedure which explains what happens if young people chose to not take engage in the service. [This would have to be requested from the provider directly.](#)
10. Could you provide me with an outline that explains what happens if young people do not meet the threshold/criteria however there is a concern for their wellbeing and mental health. [They would be signposted to alternative charitable organisations or referred back to primary care; for more specific detail you will need to contact the provider directly.](#)
11. I would be grateful if you could provide me with a copy of any existing referral criteria or guidance on offering assessment and any previous criteria/ guidance issued after April 2010. [This would have to be requested from the provider directly.](#)

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

We also wish to take this opportunity to inform you that a formal complaints and internal review process is available, which will be managed by a FOI Appeals Officer.

This can be formally requested and must be done within a reasonable period of time (3 calendar months) from the date this response was issued.

Where you are not satisfied with the response to a request for information that falls within the Environmental Information Regulations, you should make a representation for a review to FOI Appeals Officer, sthelensccg.foi@nhs.net within 40 days of receipt of the response.

If you are not satisfied with our review under the Freedom of Information Act or the Environmental Information Regulations, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) for a review of your appeal decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure.

The ICO can be contacted at;

ICO, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk

Should you need any further clarification or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angela Delea".

Angela Delea
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