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Ref: **GREENQTR1/1213/030 – (GREENWICH)**

Dear Ms McCulloch,

Freedom of Information Act Request

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act.

In response to your request – Autistic Spectrum Disorder

Greenwich PCT do not hold this information. Please contact the local authority and Oxleas NHS Trust, who may be able to help you with your request.

Please also note the following information.

1. How many adults you have with a diagnosis of autistic spectrum disorder (any, although if there are separate statistics for Asperger's, HFA, LFA, they would be appreciated) in your area;

We do not hold this information. The local authority is the lead for autism and may be able to provide this.

2. How many children;

As 1 above - The local authority children's department may have this information or the community paediatrics team at Greenwich community services at Oxleas.

3. What diagnostic services are available to
a) adults and

For Adults – complex presentations are referred to the Maudsley hospital. We are in the process of developing a local BBG diagnostic pathway with Oxleas which aims to provide a local diagnostic service for non-complex cases.

b) children;

We do not hold this information although the local authority may.

4. What agencies or teams you have that work with autistic people, provide support/services, strategise, etc.

We do not hold this information.

5. An email address/website for each of these agencies or teams where possible.

We do not hold this information.

6. What the typical process should be for an adult in your area first asking their GP for an assessment for autistic spectrum disorder to receiving a diagnosis/support.

All patients must attend their GP surgery to request referral. Oxleas foundation trust screen all referrals and undertake a mental health assessment. If the case is complex the patient may be referred to the learning disability service at Oxleas for a diagnostic assessment. If the case needs a more specialist assessment in Tertiary services, the case is presented to the Tertiary referral Panel where a decision is taken around the appropriateness of referral on to the Maudsley. We are in the process of developing a local BBG diagnostic pathway with Oxleas which aims to provide a local diagnostic service for non-complex cases.

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If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Benbow". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'B'.

Margaret Benbow
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