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Sarah McCulloch
By email

Dear Ms McCulloch,

I am writing in response to your recent request made to NHS Blackpool under the Freedom of Information Act.

The information is provided below set out in the order of your request.

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
2. How many children;
We currently have 251 children on our Data Base who receive a service from our Communication Learning and Autism Service (CLAS) and/or our Early Years Team (0 to 16 unless they have statement which would take them to 19)
These are broken down as:-
 - ASD = 77
 - Asperger = 32
 - HFA = 37
 - PDDNOS = 30
 - Sem - Prag = 3
 - Under Assessment = 6
3. What diagnostic services are available
 - a) **Adults** - Please see web link below and documents attached

www.lancashire.gov.uk/corporate/web/viewdoc.asp?id=91474



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b) Children

Please see attached documents showing diagnostic Pathways for Pre School and school age children plus a guide to the process and the professionals involved written for and approved by, parents. Also included are guidelines for GPs and all tier 1 practitioners regarding “what is autism” and the referral route.

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

Details of the CLAS service are on the link below.

5. An email address/website...

Please see the link below which is currently being revised to reflect the SEN White Paper “Local Offer”

<http://www.blackpool.gov.uk/services/s-z/specialeducationalneeds/specialeducationalneedscomplexandseverelearningdifficulties.htm>

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.

Please see attachment documents

I hope that this information duly answers your request.

Yours sincerely

Linda J Cullen

Information Governance Officer

