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Dear Ms McCulloch,

Freedom of Information Act request

Thank you for your email dated 22 June 2012 requesting information from NHS Derbyshire County and NHS Derby City. Please be aware that I am responding on behalf of both organisations, now operating as NHS Derbyshire Cluster.

You asked us to provide the following information. Please see our responses in blue.

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;

Please see attachment for the most recent information that we hold.

2. How many children;

Please see attachment for the most recent information that we hold. Please also be aware that we only hold data for children aged 14 – 17 years.

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

Adult services are undergoing development in line with the Autism Bill; referral pathways are being examined and developed as part of this work. The goal is that adults will be referred by their GP to Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust who are the lead Mental Health and Learning Disability provider organisation and who will undertake assessment using DISCO trained staff.

Children's diagnostic services are carried out through trained Child and Adolescent CAMHS Consultants.

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

There are no NHS commissioned community services specifically for autism at present, other than the diagnostic service provided by DHCFT. The local authority leads on service development and they are responding to the Autism Bill by re-examining the pathways. We have an Autism development group and an Autism board; the National Autistic Society are represented at the development group. Group meetings are also attended by commissioners from the local authority and the Clinical Commissioning Groups and by clinical representatives of NHS Mental Health and Learning Disabilities providers in Derbyshire.

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

Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust: <http://www.derbyshirehealthcareft.nhs.uk/>

Derbyshire Community Health Services: <http://www.dchs.nhs.uk/>

Derby City Council: <http://www.derby.gov.uk/>

Derbyshire County Council: <http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/>

I hope that the information meets your requirements. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you can raise any concerns you might have by contacting David Sharp, Chief Executive, at the following address: Scarsdale, Nightingale Close, Off Newbold Road, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S41 7PF. Telephone: 01246 231255.

If you remain dissatisfied, you can apply to the Information Commissioner, who will consider whether NHS Derbyshire Cluster has complied with its obligations under the Act, and can require NHS Derbyshire Cluster to remedy any problems. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's website at: www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk. Complaints to the Information Commissioner should be sent to: FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

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