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Dear Ms McCulloch

Freedom of Information Request McC220612LCR and McC220612LC: Information regarding autistic spectrum disorder

Thank you for your request received by NHS Leicestershire County and Rutland and NHS Leicester City on 22 June 2012 for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please find our response as listed below.

For ease of reference your questions are in italics with the organisations' response below:

Response from NHS Leicestershire County and Rutland (NHSLCR) and NHS Leicester City (NHSLC):

***Q1.** 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.*

Response to Q1: According to Projecting Adult Needs and Service Information (PANSI) , there are an estimated 4290 adults aged 18-64 years in Leicestershire County and Rutland with autistic spectrum disorder (ASD) in 2011 of which 219 of these were in Rutland and 4071 in Leicestershire.

NHS LC confirm that there are a recorded of 1,997 adults between the age of 18-64 years predicted to have ASD in within Leicester City.

NHS LC and NHS LCR confirm that there are no figures available for adults aged 65 and over.

The above data can be accessed via the following link : www.pansi.org.uk

***Q2.** How many children.*

Response to Q2: According to the Department for Education, Special Educational Needs in England (January 2011) Statistical First Release there were 484 children with ASD known to schools in Leicestershire in January 2011. In Rutland, patient confidentiality makes it difficult to be exact, but the figure is between 28 and 32 children. This gives an approximate total for NHS LCR as 512 – 516.

NHS LC confirm that a total recorded figure of 124 children with autistic spectrum disorder in Leicester,

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who are known to schools. Further information and data can be accessed via the Improving Health and Lives website by following the link offered below, Learning Disabilities Profile 2012:

<http://www.improvinghealthandlives.org.uk/profiles/>

- 3. What diagnostic services are available to a) adults and b) children*
- 4. What agencies or teams you have that work with autistic people, provide support/services, strategise, etc.*
- 5. An email address/website for each of these agencies or teams where possible.*
- 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.*

Response to Q3 to Q6 inclusive: NHS LC and NHS LCR work closely and collaboratively with a range of multi-disciplined agencies across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) and have produced a guidance document showing an integrated pathway for ASD, a copy of which has been attached for reference. The document goes forward to explain the diagnostic services which are currently available for both adults and child and lists the agencies involved which include the Children's Community Health Service (CCHS) and the Child and Adolescent Mental health Services (CAMHS).

The following websites link to agencies that can offer support for individuals and families:

www.leicestershireautism.org.uk
www.leicespart.nhs.uk
www.autism.org.uk
www.leics.gov.uk/parent.htm

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If you have any further queries relating to this matter please do not hesitate to make contact with me.

Yours sincerely

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