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Dear Ms McCulloch,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Please find attached NHS Western Cheshire's response to your request for information received on 22nd June 2012 regarding serious untoward incidents.

You asked:

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;
2. How many children;
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.

1. There are 243 patients age 18 and over with Autism
2. There are 240 patients age 17 and under with Autism
3. The PCT does not have diagnostic Services. This is undertaken by Cheshire Wirral Partnership Trust who have recently trained a further 12 people to undertake diagnosis. There is a pathway to diagnosis for children but nothing for adults. The CCG have highlighted Autism in their Commissioning Plan and identified the Autism Pathway as a high priority.
4. The PCT does not have agencies or teams who work with autistic people but Cheshire Wirral Partnership NHS Trust and the Local Authority do.
5. We do not have email address/websites for these agencies. Our website for the local Autism Strategy is http://www.wcheshirepct.nhs.uk/viewer.asp?docname=../data/publications/Strategic_Plans/AUTISM_STRATEGY_2011-2016_FINAL_010611.pdf
6. There is only a pathway for people with autism if they have a learning disability. There is no current pathway for higher functioning people with autism i.e. aspergers. See answer to question 3.

I hope this sufficiently answers your enquiry but please do not hesitate to contact Laura Wentworth, Governance Office on 01244 385041 or e-mail foi@wcheshirepct.nhs.uk, should you require any further information.

As part of our commitment to improving our services, I would be grateful if you would take the time to tell us how we dealt with your request for information by completing a short customer satisfaction survey. The survey is completely anonymous and should take no more than a couple of minutes to complete.

The survey can be found on our public website via the following link [Freedom of Information customer satisfaction survey](#)

Yours sincerely



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