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Dear Requestor

RE: Freedom of Information Request

With reference to your request for information I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we partially hold the information that you have requested. A response to each part of your request is below.

In the request you asked:

CYP ASD

1. Please name the organisation(s) that deliver(s) CYP (children and young people) ASD assessment / diagnoses in your ICB area
Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust (NUH) and Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (SFH).
 - a) When did the contract(s) begin and when is the contract(s) due to end
Acute NHS contracts are reviewed on an annual basis
 - b) What is the annual spend for this service for 2022, and for the last 5 years?
The cost of the service is within a wider block payment for the acute contracts which includes other services
 - c) How is the service contracted – is it Block, Activity-based, or AQP contracting?
Block contracts
 - d) If the service is commissioned with other CCGs, ICSs or Trusts, which are these?
N/A
 - e) At what prevalence (% of the child population) have the contracts been commissioned against?
The service specifications are based on level of need not % of the child population
2. Does the same organisation as for Question 1 also deliver CYP ASD prescriptions and post-diagnosis ASD support in your ICB area? If not, please provide the same information for this organisation.
Any medication is initiated and prescribed by the service. Post-diagnostic support is provided by our community neurodevelopmental behaviour services following assessment by community paediatrics.
3. Please outline the CYP ASD pathway in your area, including key referral sources
Referrals to community paediatrics for diagnostic assessment are received from our community neurodevelopmental behaviour services who provide early support, pre-diagnostic assessments, and interventions for the CYP and families/carers. Post-diagnostic support is also provided by our community neurodevelopmental behaviour services following assessment by community paediatrics as part of a multidisciplinary integrated pathway.
4. How many children and young people are currently waiting for a CYP ASD assessment in your area? What is the longest and median wait time from a referral?

Waiting times: 21.7 weeks for NUH and 12 weeks to 8 months for SFH. Please note these waiting times are for the full community paediatric services including LD and ADHD as we are unable to separate the information for Autism assessments only.

- a) Within the last year, how many children and young people were assessed within 12 weeks of referral?

The ICB does not hold this information. A request would need to be made to the individual providers, via:

Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust: FOI@nuh.nhs.uk

Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust: sfh-tr.foi.requests@nhs.net

- b) Within the last year, how many children and young people were discharged without assessment?
The ICB does not hold this information. A request would need to be made to the individual providers.

- c) Please answer Questions 4, 4a, 4b for as many historic years as possible, up to 5 years
The ICB does not hold this information. A request would need to be made to the individual providers.

5. For the last 5 years, please give the number of CYP patients per year in the ICB who were:

- a) Referred for ASD assessment

The ICB does not hold this information. A request would need to be made to the individual providers.

- b) Given an ASD assessment

The ICB does not hold this information. A request would need to be made to the individual providers.

- c) Given an ASD assessment from a 'Right to Choose' provider, outside the service contracted

The ICB does not hold this information. A request would need to be made to the individual providers.

- d) Diagnosed with ASD

The ICB does not hold this information. A request would need to be made to the individual providers.

6. For the last 5 years, what was the average number of ASD-qualified staff delivering services in the area? How does this split by role:

- a) Qualified psychiatrists

- b) Paediatricians

- c) Speech and Language therapists

- d) Clinical Psychologists

- e) For a-d, please also give numbers of trainees

The ICB does not hold this information. A request would need to be made to the individual providers.

7. Please provide equivalent answers for Questions 1-6, but for Adult ASD services in the ICB. If the ICB does not distinguish between CYP and Adult ASD services, please answer Questions 1-6 for all patients collectively

ADULT ASD

8. Please name the organisation(s) that deliver(s) adult ASD assessment / diagnoses in your ICB area
Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

- a) When did the contract(s) begin and when is the contract(s) due to end

Contract for Neurodevelopmental Specialist Service (NeSS) started September 2020 and is reviewed on an annual basis.

- b) What is the annual spend for this service for 2022, and for the last 5 years?

£1.2m per year

- c) How is the service contracted – is it Block, Activity-based, or AQP contracting?
Block
- d) If the service is commissioned with other CCGs, ICSs or Trusts, which are these?
N/A
- e) At what prevalence (% of the adult population) have the contracts been commissioned against?
The service was commissioned at the time using the following prevalence data “Childhood prevalence studies suggest that autism occurs in approximately 1% of the population and that for every three known cases, there are two undiagnosed individuals who might need a diagnosis at some point in their lives (Baron-Cohen et al., 2009). Prevalence in adulthood has been found to be similar at 1.1% (Brugha et al., 2012). Applying this percentage to the Mid-Year Estimates 2018, it is estimated there are 10,109 (1.1%) adults with autism aged between 18 and 90 years in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.”
9. Does the same organisation as for Question 1 also deliver adult ASD prescriptions and post-diagnosis ASD support in your ICB area? If not, please provide the same information for this organisation.
Yes.
10. Please outline the adult ASD pathway in your area, including key referral sources
Referrals are received from GPs, Prison Healthcare (for those released into the community) and CYP services as part of transition arrangements.
11. How many adults are currently waiting for an ASD assessment in your area? What is the longest and median wait time from a referral?
As at 30 Nov 22 there were 1,406 people waiting for an ASD assessment. The average wait is 38 weeks, longest 72 weeks
- a) Within the last year, how many adults were assessed within 12 weeks of referral?
The ICB does not hold this information. A request would need to be made to the individual provider via FOI@nottshc.nhs.uk.
- b) Within the last year, how many adults were discharged without assessment?
The ICB does not hold this information. A request would need to be made to the individual provider.
- c) Please answer Questions 4, 4a, 4b for as many historic years as possible, up to 5 years
The ICB does not hold this information. A request would need to be made to the individual provider.
12. For the last 5 years, please give the number of adult patients per year in the ICB who were:
- a) Referred for ASD assessment
The ICB does not hold this information. A request would need to be made to the individual provider.
- b) Given an ASD assessment
The ICB does not hold this information. A request would need to be made to the individual provider.
- c) Given an ASD assessment from a ‘Right to Choose’ provider, outside the service contracted
The ICB does not hold this information. A request would need to be made to the individual provider.
- d) Diagnosed with ASD
The ICB does not hold this information. A request would need to be made to the individual provider.
13. For the last 5 years, what was the average number of ASD-qualified staff delivering services in the area? How does this split by role:
- a) Qualified psychiatrists
- b) Paediatricians
- c) Speech and Language therapists
- d) Clinical Psychologists

e) For a-d, please also give numbers of trainees

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If you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO), who will consider whether the organisation has complied with its obligations under the Act and can require the organisation to remedy any problems. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/>

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FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone 0303 123 1113 or report a concern via <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information (FOI) Officer on behalf of *NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board*

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