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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 do hold the information that you have requested. A response to your request is below.

In the request you asked:

I would like information on shared care agreements in general practice within your area, and therefore would be grateful if you would answer the following questions:

1. Have you issued any guidance to GP practices regarding signing shared care agreements for the prescribing of medication for adult ADHD?

This information is publicly available on the Nottinghamshire Area Prescribing Committee website - <https://www.nottsapc.nhs.uk/shared-care/shared-care-protocols/>

2. Has your organisation implemented any formal (or informal) policy changes regarding GPs signing shared care agreements for the prescribing of medication adult ADHD?

This information is publicly available on the Nottinghamshire Area Prescribing Committee website - <https://www.nottsapc.nhs.uk/shared-care/shared-care-protocols/>

3. Do you have any documented guidelines or protocols in place that outline the approach GPs should take regarding signing shared care agreements for the prescribing of medication for adult ADHD?

This information is publicly available on the Nottinghamshire Area Prescribing Committee website - <https://www.nottsapc.nhs.uk/shared-care/shared-care-protocols/>

4. Can you provide any records indicating discussions, decisions, or considerations related to the provision of medication for adult ADHD?

The APC first developed shared care for adults alongside the commissioning of a local adult service in 2021 and minutes from the relevant meeting in February 2021 are available on the APC website, furthermore the APC updated the local adult shared care protocols in September 2022 using the national Regional Medicines Optimisation Committee standard documents as a template. Minutes from that APC meetings are available online here - <https://www.nottsapc.nhs.uk/publications/guideline-meeting-minutes/>

5. Can you provide correspondence, meeting minutes, or any other relevant documentation discussing the provision of medication for adults with ADHD?

Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB do not hold this information.

6. Have there been any complaints or concerns raised by healthcare professionals, staff, or patients regarding the limited provision of care for adults with ADHD?

There have been less than 5 complaints or concerns raised between 1st July 2022 and 1st Sept 2023.

The ICB does hold the information in relation to how many times the ICB has funded and declined specialist treatment for Dissociative Identify Disorder vs declined it in the last five years, however if the number is very low (5 or less) the information cannot be disclosed as it could potentially identify the individuals involved, especially if combined with other data, and this would constitute a breach of the Data Protection Act 2018. Therefore, this information is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on the grounds that it is personal information.

As defined by the Data Protection Act, personal data constitutes as:

“Personal data” means any information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual.

“Identifiable living individual” means a living individual who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to –

(a) an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data or an online identifier, or

(b) one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of the individual

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Complaints to the Information Commissioner’s Office should be sent to:

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

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