

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-294

8 April 2024

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we hold some of the information you are requesting

We would like to make a request regarding whether you offer a service for children and young people with tics or Tourette Syndrome and basic details of this service. Please include any information for sub-contracts that you have.

We would like you to respond for children and young people within the specified age range that your service accepts (e.g., 6 - 18 years or 6 - 25 years).

Please also supply a copy of any service pathways and specifications you may have within your service for children and young people with tic disorders.

Questions

1. What is the specified age range that your service accepts?

- 6 - 18 years
- 6 - 25 years
- Other (please state):

2. If a referral is made to your service for a child or young person with tics without a co-occurring mental health or neurodevelopmental condition, would you:

- Accept the referral for assessment
- Ask for additional information before a referral decision is made
- Decline the referral signposting to other agencies / service
 - o Please provide the name of the agency/service:
- Decline the referral but refer to another service within your trust
 - o Please provide the name of the service
- Decline the referral but make an out of area referral
 - o Please provide the name of the service

- **Decline the referral with no further action**

3. How many referrals for tic disorders did your service receive from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, including those declined?

- **Please give an exact number:**

If your service does accept referrals for tics, please continue with the rest of this form.

4. Out of the referrals that you have received from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, how many referrals for tic disorders did your service accept?

- **Please give an exact number:**

5. Does your service:

- **Conduct diagnostic assessments for tic disorders? (Yes/No)** If you answer No, please still proceed to the next part of the question.

o If Yes, how many patients were seen for diagnostic assessments from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023?

- ☐ **Please give an exact number:**

- **Provide any interventions for families prior to giving a diagnosis? (Yes/No)**

o If Yes, please provide details of the intervention and who provides this intervention.

- **Offer treatment for tics? (Yes/No)**

o If Yes, how many patients in your service were prescribed medication to treat their tics from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023?

- ☐ **Please give an exact number:**

o If Yes, how many patients received behavioural therapy for their tics from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023?

- ☐ **Please give an exact number:**

o If Yes, how many patients received psychoeducation for their tics from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023?

- ☐ **Please give an exact number:**

We do not treat TICs/Tourette's Syndrome routinely but can help confirm the diagnosis and sign post them to the resources attached. If the patient has any relevant co-morbidities then they would be referred to CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services/Community Paediatrics (please see the attached document).

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street

Bristol
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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