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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received into this office on 29th September 2016.

You asked for information regarding Mental Health:

1. Whether you consider financial difficulties in your local health needs assessment?

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) identifies the areas with the highest levels of poverty and deprivation.

2. Whether your mental health service users (for both primary and secondary care) are routinely asked about their financial circumstances or difficulties?

Unfortunately NHS Wirral CCG does not hold this information and suggest you contact the providers that deliver services to mental health service users. Please note that the Mental Health provider for Wirral is:

Cheshire and Wirral Partnership Trust

Website: www.cwp.nhs.uk

Email: FOI@cwp.nhs.uk

3. Whether you commission, either solely or in partnership with any other agency (such as local government), any specialist services such as those listed above, for people who have both financial difficulties and mental health problems?

NHS Wirral CCG commission a service called Primary Care Advice and Liaison that supports people with mild to moderate mental health problems access advice and support with welfare / debt / housing advice etc.

4. Whether you have a formal and/or informal working arrangement with any external organisations (e.g. Citizens' Advice Bureaux) providing financial, welfare or debt advice, and if so which one(s)?

Please refer to question 3

5. How many people using your primary and secondary mental health services are referred to or provided with a specialist service that addresses financial needs?

Please refer to question 2

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