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Re: Freedom of Information Request – Learning Disabilities

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received into this office on 25th September 2019.

You Asked for:

I was wondering if you could possibly give me any information on the following for the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 so far:

1. How many people with a learning disability are living in the Wirral area?
2. How many patients with a learning disability are admitted to hospital via the emergency department?
3. Is there any patient feedback from patients with a learning disability/family carer regarding the care received in the emergency department?
4. Are there any statistics on the links of anxiety and depression with the learning disability patient group?
5. Are there any initiatives that are already in place and any that are to be introduced?
6. Have considerations been made to introduce learning disability nurses into the emergency department to support patients' emotional needs?
7. Are there any statistics on premature deaths in the learning disability patient group?

Our Response:

1. Unfortunately it is not possible to determine how many patients had Learning Disabilities (LD) in a year (from EMIS Web – primary care clinical system) as only real time data can be seen (i.e. snapshot). Therefore, in the absence of any guidance, we used the Quality of Outcomes Framework (QOF) register (which is the 'official' register built within EMIS and is national).

Please see below for the number of patients who have a coding of LD on their medical record in their GP practice. If there are patients who have LD on their record but the GP practices are not aware of this or have not coded this category, then they will not be included:

- Number of patients with LD as of 01/01/2015 = 2110
- Number of patients with LD as of 01/01/2016 = 2233
- Number of patients with LD as of 01/01/2017 = 2305
- Number of patients with LD as of 01/01/2018 = 2378
- Number of patients with LD as of 01/01/2019 = 2417
- Number of patients with LD as of 26/09/2019 = 2461

2. NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) does not hold this information. Please can I suggest that you contact Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (WUTH) to request this information. Their email address is: wih-tr.AccessToInformationOffice@nhs.net.
3. Please see the answer to question number 2.
4. By searching on the LD register (from QOF on EMIS) and cross-referencing this with the Depression register (from QOF on EMIS), we can conclude that as of 26/09/2019, 19.2% (473) of patients with LD, are also on the depression register. Anxiety can be different and separate. There is currently no way to determine anxious patients with LD as there is no anxiety register. Can I please suggest that you visit the following link, which you may find helpful: <https://www.wirralintelligenceservice.org/media/1869/jsnasectionId2016july16final2.pdf>.
5. NHS Wirral CCG is delivering the Transforming Care Programme (TCP) for Learning Disabilities (LD) and Autism, within which the following initiatives are being delivered (this list is not exhaustive):
 - Community Treatment Reviews (CTRs).
 - Care Education and Treatment Reviews (CETRs).
 - With successful bids (all coproduced) to NHS England (NHSE), the following are being delivered:
 - Intensive Support Function within the Community Learning Disability Teams for adults to help prevent admissions and facilitate discharges from hospital.
 - Intensive support function for children within LD CAMHs.
 - Respite, step up step down facility for children – Capital bids are being developed.
 - Post diagnostic service for adults with Autism, being on a tiered delivery that involves the third sector.
 - Involvement of self-advocates and being members of the confirm and challenge meetings.
 - Reduction in inpatients beds for both adults and children.
 - Training coordinator to help support the delivery of training for all local authority providers.
 - Action plan to help increase the number of Annual Health Checks.
 - Increase extra care housing.
 - Deliver the Stopping Over Medication of People (STOMP) and Supporting Treatment and Appropriate Medication in Paediatrics (STAMP) programmes of work.
 - Develop the provider market in order to meet the needs of the local population.
6. There is one LD nurse at WUTH who covers Accident and Emergency (A&E).
7. NHS Wirral CCG has no accurate way to analyse this at a local level.

We hope this information is useful, however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team (contact details at the top of this letter)

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