

Our Ref: ID 1542

Re: Freedom of Information Request – Vulnerable Children

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 28th October 2019.

You Asked for:

1. What specific services are available in your area for children and young people diagnosed with conduct disorder and those with conduct difficulties? Please list specific services and tiers they fall under (e.g. Tier 2 or targeted; Tier 3 or community specialist or Tier 4 or inpatient). Please do not include general CAMHS services that are not specifically tailored to children with conduct disorder.
2. What mental health services are available in your area for children and young people in contact with social services, including looked after children, children in need or children under child protection orders? Please list individual services and corresponding tiers as above. Please do not include general Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) that are not specifically tailored to children in contact with social services.
3. Is there a specific service in your area to support young people transitioning from child and adolescent mental health services to adult mental health services? Yes or no answer please. Please specify if CAMHS in your area covers individuals aged 18 and over and please specify the age range covered.
4. Do you engage with any of the following to understand the mental health needs of children and young people in your area?
 - a. Health and wellbeing board
 - b. Healthwatch
 - c. Children and young people and their families
 - d. Community and/or faith groups
 - e. Charities or other Non-Government Organisation (NGO's) (if yes, please specify which one)

Our Response:

- 1 Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) provides a service for children and young people with moderate to severe needs. Support for people with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is also available from the ADHD Foundation and for the Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) from Autism Together (equivalent to Tier 2). The local authority also supports children and young people at risk of exclusion from school. Young people in contact with the youth justice are supported by the Youth Justice Service. In general, services can be found in the Service Directory,

which can be found on the Wirral Safeguarding website. I have included a link below for further information should you need it: <https://www.wirralsafeguarding.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/CAMHS-and-Early-Help-Resource-Information-Pack-June-2019.pdf>

- 2 CAMHS provide a service to all children including the groups listed. The local authority has additional responsibility for Child Protection (CP), Children Looked After (CLA) and Children In Need (CIN) and commissions a service for them from CAMHS. NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) does not commission a specific service.
- 3 The CAMHS covers the ages 0-18. There is not a separate service commissioned by the NHS supporting young people transitioning to adult services. However, the local authority does support young people open to social services.
- 4 NHS Wirral CCG engages with each of the groups mentioned:
 - a. Health and wellbeing board – Wirral's multi-agency approach to children and young people's mental health is governed by the Future in Mind Steering Group, which periodically reports to the Health and Wellbeing Board.
 - b. Healthwatch – Healthwatch is represented on the Future in Mind Steering Group.
 - c. Children and young people and their families – The CCG has met with children, young people, and their families through Mapping Events and also meets with the Youth Voice Group. These services have their own engagement groups.
 - d. Community and/or faith groups – The CCG is involved in the Children and Young People Provider Forum, which includes approximately 30 different community, faith and charity groups.
 - e. Charities or other Non-Government Organisation (NGO's) – The CCG is involved in the Children and Young People Provider Forum which includes approximately 30 different community, faith and charity groups.

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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