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Re: Freedom of Information Request – Mental Health in Schools

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 10th February 2020.

You Asked for:

Please send me details of:

Schools

1. The schools NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has met with in 2017, 2018, and 2019.
2. The number of meetings the CCG has had with schools in 2017, 2018 and 2019.
3. How many of the meetings between the CCG and the schools were used to discuss establishing and/or developing a Mental Health Support Team.
4. How many of the meetings between the CCG and the schools were used to discuss working in partnership to address the needs of students, delivering interventions in or close to schools for those with mild to moderate mental health issues and/or to help students with more severe needs to access the right support, working with schools to provide a link to specialist NHS services.

Colleges

5. The colleges the CCG has met with in 2017, 2018, and 2019.
6. The number of meetings the CCG has had with colleges in 2017, 2018 and 2019.
7. How many of the meetings between the CCG and the colleges were used to discuss establishing and/or developing a Mental Health Support Team.
8. How many of the meetings between the CCG and the colleges were used to discuss working in partnership to address the needs of students, delivering interventions in or close to colleges for those with mild to moderate mental health issues and/or to help students with more severe needs to access the right support, working with colleges to provide a link to specialist NHS services.

Universities

9. The universities the CCG has met with in 2017, 2018, and 2019.
10. The number of meetings the CCG has had with universities in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

11. How many of the meetings between the CCG and the universities were used to discuss establishing and/or developing a Mental Health Support Team.
12. How many of the meetings between the CCG and the universities were used to discuss working in partnership to address the needs of students, delivering interventions in or close to universities for those with mild to moderate mental health issues and/or to help students with more severe needs to access the right support, working with universities to provide a link to specialist NHS services.

Our Response:

Please Note: The Senior Commissioner for Mental Health left the post in autumn 2019 and there are no records of any meetings they may have had before that date.

Schools

1. NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has few meetings with individual schools but works closely with the Education Team in the Local Authority (LA). Schools (and the Local Authority Education team) are represented at the monthly Future in Mind Steering Group in which New Brighton Primary, Birkenhead Sixth Form College and Joseph Paxton School are invited and regularly attend.
2. There have been 12 in each year as mentioned in the answer to question number 1. In addition, NHS Wirral CCG meets approximately monthly with the Education Team at the LA. The provider, Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (CWP) have had many more meetings with schools as they developed the service. I have included their contact details should you wish to contact them directly for further information:
CWP – FOI@cwps.nhs.uk
3. There were 2 meetings in 2018 and 2 meetings in 2019. The figure excludes phone conversations had with schools during summer 2019 after the Mental Health Support in Schools (MHST) bid was successful. Including these would increase the number by approximately 12. Again, CWP will have had further meetings. Should you wish to contact them directly, their contact details can be found above.
4. NHS Wirral CCG does not hold this information. May I suggest that you contact CWP on the contact details provided above.

Colleges

5. 0. (Please note that these numbers are specific to meetings regarding mental health).
6. Please see the answer to question number 5.
7. 0. The MHST's in Wirral see children of primary school age so meetings with colleges have not been held. The intention is to secure further funding for MHSTs to extend the service to the whole 0-18 population.
8. 0.

Universities

9. Please see below (Note that these numbers are specific to meetings regarding mental health):
 - 2017 – 0.
 - 2018 – 1.
 - 2019 – 1.
10. Please see below:
 - 2017 – 0.

- 2018 – 0.
- 2019 – 0.

11.0.

12. Approximately 1 in 2018 and 2 in 2019.

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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