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Re: Freedom of Information Request - Children and Young People's Continuing Care

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on the 1st March 2022.

You Asked for:

1. Who delivers your end-to-end continuing care service (assessments and case management) for children and young people? (This refers to children and young people aged under 18 who may have one or a combination of the following: physical disability, mental health needs, learning disability, end of life needs)
 - a. In-house
 - b. Local authority (please name)
 - c. CSU (please name)
 - d. Third-party (please name)
2. Does the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) have a provider framework in place for the commissioning of Children and Young People's Continuing care packages?
3. How many applications for Children and Young People's Continuing Care did the CCG receive in the financial year 2020/2021 (April 2020 to March 2021)?
4. How many of these received CCG funding as a result of the application in 2020/2021?
5. What was the CCG's total spend on this cohort in 2020/2021?
6. At the end of January 2022, how many Children and Young People were in receipt of funding from a continuing care funding stream?
 - a. Total
 - b. Under 16
 - c. Over 16
7. What percentage of 18-year-olds transitioned from children and young people's continuing care into Continuing Healthcare over the last three financial years (2018/2019, 2019/2020 and 2020/2021)?
8. How many complaints or appeals relating to Children's and Young Peoples Continuing Care has the CCG had over the last three financial years (2018/2019, 2019/2020 and 2020/2021)?

Our Response:

1. D – Third Party: Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS foundation Trust provides this service on behalf of NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).
2. Yes.

3. I can confirm that NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) does hold this information, however, we are not able to provide a full response as the database in which this information is recorded (Broadcare) does not have the facility to filter information in regards to children's applications, as all recipients of CHC are recorded as being adults aged 18 years of age or older. This would mean that all applications received since April 2020 would need to be accessed and reviewed individually to identify if funding was received as a child. Therefore, this information is exempt under Section 16 of the FOIA, in relation to where cost of compliance exceeds an appropriate limit of 18 hours per request.
4. Please see the response to question 3.
5. £1,756,116.
6. Please see below for further information:
 - a. 44.
 - b. Please see the response to question 3.
 - c. Please see the response to question 3.
7. Please see the response to question 3.
8. Unfortunately, NHS Wirral CCG does not have access to this information due to the service being previously managed by Cheshire and Wirral CHC Team as a shared service. This information is therefore held by NHS Cheshire CCG.

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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