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**Our Ref: FOI.18.SKC298**

Dear C Harrison

**RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 received on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 by NHS South Kent Coast Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). The information you have requested is listed below together with the response:

- 1. How many of the CCG's Mental Health patients in 'out-of-county' specialist placements in private beds have been diagnosed with diabetes type II since being placed?**
  - a. How many of those patients diagnosed diabetes type II since being placed have been on Olanzapine (or similar generation of SSRIs) ?**
  - b. How is weight increase monitored for those patients on Olanzapine (or similar generation of SSRIs)?**
  - c. How is this weight increase recorded ie. is it just an individual's record or are all patients' records analysed to produce statistics on this ?**

I can confirm NHS South Kent Coast CCG does not hold this information. NHS South Kent Coast CCG can confirm this is not recorded.

**2. Are there any :**

- a. Overall national statistics recorded for the number of Mental Health patients who have developed diabetes type II since commencement of their treatment for their mental health issues?**
- b. Overall statistics recorded for Kent for the number of Mental Health patients who have developed diabetes type II since commencement of their treatment for their mental health issues?**

I can confirm NHS South Kent Coast CCG does not hold this information. NHS South Kent Coast CCG can confirm this is not recorded.

**3. Does the CCG 'out-of-county' statistics relating to Mental Health patients in specialist private bed placements refer to outside of 'Kent' or outside of 'Kent, Surrey & Sussex' ?**

I can confirm NHS South Kent Coast CCG does not hold this information. NHS South Kent Coast CCG can confirm this is not recorded. If information was recorded, the statistics would be outside of Kent and Medway.

**4. For an out-of-county specialist bed placement patient in a private institution - who is responsible for ensuring:**

- a. monitoring and management of conditions such as diabetes?**
- b. day-to-day physical health?**
- c. regular check ups for all physical needs?**
- d. suitable & timely treatment for all ophthalmic and dental work?**

NHS South Kent Coast CCG can confirm that the CCG remain the responsible body, however the care provider, in conjunction with Primary and Community Care services in the care provider locality will monitor or deliver care as appropriate.

**5. If the private institution in which the placement is made is responsible for any of the above:**

- a. Does the CCG provide any guidelines to the institution for this responsibility and are these guidelines in the public domain?**
- b. Does the CCG ensure that any guidelines are being followed?**
- c. Does the CCG review physical health of these out-of-county patients to ensure they are getting appropriate care?**

I can confirm NHS South Kent Coast CCG does not hold this information. Providers are commissioned under an NHS Standard Contract and performance management would highlight any area poor performance or poor care but any such care issues would be picked up by clinical review.

We hope that this has dealt with your request for information however, should you remain dissatisfied, you have the right to request that we conduct an internal review of the way we have handled your request. If you would like us to conduct such a review please contact us within two months of this letter:

Email [NELCSU.foi@nhs.net](mailto:NELCSU.foi@nhs.net) or

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Your request for an internal review will then be processed in accordance with our Freedom of Information Policy.

If you are still dissatisfied following the internal review, you have the right under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner provides full and detailed guidance on the Freedom of Information Act and on when and how to complain.

Please find below the link to their website page and their helpline number.

<https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/official-information/>

Helpline number: 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response, which will protect your anonymity, will be posted on the NHS South Kent Coast Clinical Commissioning Group website.

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Team  
NEL CSU**

This Freedom of Information request has been processed by NEL CSU on behalf of

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