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Dear Ms Mehta

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Please find below our response to your request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

The Assistant Directorate Manager of Ophthalmology for Wirral University Teaching Hospital has provided the information required for this response.

The purpose of this FOI request is to establish the provision of ‘orthoptic-led’ and/or ‘non-orthoptic-led’ vision screening across England.

Definition of ‘Orthoptic-led’:

A service that is led by a designated Orthoptist who is responsible for all aspects of delivery of vision screening to all eligible children. This includes leadership of the personnel delivering the screening, the care pathway and audit and quality assurance mechanisms. The testing of children may be either Orthoptist delivered or delivered by a vision screener trained by an orthoptist.

We would be grateful if you could please answer the following questions and their subsections (where applicable) for the financial year 2019/20 to allow us to establish current provision and support orthoptists in the future to deliver an ‘orthoptic led’ service.

Many thanks for providing this information, it will be extremely useful to support the objective of delivering equitable orthoptic led vision screening for ALL 4-5 year old children by mapping out current provision.

Q1. How many LA and CCGs are served by your organisation for all acute, community and specialist services?

Please list them all.

Wirral CCG

Wirral Borough Council

Q2. Does your organisation provide the Orthoptic Services for the resident populations of these LAs and CCGs? Y/N

Yes

Q3. Is a vision screening service currently available in the area (by LA or CCG) served by your organisation for providing Orthoptic Services? Y / N If NO - please list the LA/CCG that do not provide a vision screening service If YES – For each commissioned screening service please indicate:

This service is not provided by our organisation but by Wirral Community Foundation Trust (WCFT)

a. Who commissions it - LA or CCG?

LA

b. Its compliance with the PHE service specifications i.e. Orthoptic-led and delivered with Quality Assurance and clinical audit processes (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications>...)

i. Compliant

ii. Not compliant

ii. Not Compliant, as not Orthoptic led or quality assured

Q4. List the key features of each commissioned screening service:

a. Settings (e.g. school).

School setting

b. Screening personnel (e.g. orthoptist, school nurse or other health professional).

Audio/ Visual screeners (part of school nursing) currently owned by WCFT

c. The onward care pathway for children who fail the vision screening.

Failed children referred to community orthoptic service under WUTH for secondary screening and further treatment

d. The quality assurance processes (audit) and identified clinical lead for the vision screening service.

WCFT Does not currently have any quality assurance or orthoptic lead

Q5. Tell us how you monitor if every eligible child in the Local Authority or CCG commissioning the service has been tested (including those in private schools, or those who are home schooled).

WCFT have access to school monitor which has every registered child, all children are assessed in both private and state schools. Home schooled are brought to a community screening clinic

Q6. Tell us whether a vision screening programme has been commissioned for the current financial year

Yes

Q7. If a vision screening service is not currently available, in a Local Authority or CCG served by your Organisation could you please tell us for each of these LA or CCGs –

a. Why it has not been commissioned?

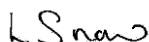
b. Whether a service is planned for the next financial year (2020/21)?

c. Whether an existing service has been recently decommissioned?

Not applicable

We hope this information fully answers your request but if anything further is required or you are dissatisfied with the management of your request, please contact the Access to Information Office.

Yours sincerely



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