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Dear Jackie Kerby,

Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
Special School Nursing & Children Looked After

Thank you for your information request indicated in bold below, which has now been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 by NHS Eastern Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). I am able to provide you with the following information and responses.

You asked:

Part A

A1) What was the allocated budget and actual spend for Special School Nursing within the CCG during the last financial year, 01/04/18 – 31/03/19?

A2) What was the cost per capita for Special School Nursing between 01/04/18 – 31/03/19?

A3) What was the allocated budget and actual spend for School Nursing in Special Schools within the CCG during the last financial year, 01/4/18 – 31/03/19?

A4) What was the cost per capita for School Nursing in Special Schools between 01/40/18 – 31/03/19?

Our response:

A1 – A4) Please be advised that any allocated budgets and spend for Special School Nursing/School Nursing services during the 2018/19 financial year will be formed from the block contract for paediatric services with East Cheshire NHS Trust (ECT). Due to the nature of the block contract with ECT for paediatric services during the 2018/19 financial year it is not possible to separately identify any spend allocated specifically to Special School Nursing/School Nursing services. You may wish to redirect your request for this information to ECT who may be able to provide information on any allocated budget and spend for Special School Nursing/School Nursing services during the 2018/19 financial year. ECT can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests at the following email address: ecn-tr.foirequests@nhs.net

You asked:

Part B

B1) What health services are commissioned by the CCG in order to meet the health needs of CLA?

Our response:

B1) NHS Eastern Cheshire CCG commissions a Cared for Children Specialist Health Team from NHS Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust. The Cared for Children Specialist Health Team co-ordinates health services for Cared for Children who are in the care of Cheshire East Council, or are looked after by other local authorities and residing in the Cheshire East Council geographical area. The Cared for Children Specialist Health Team are responsible for ensuring statutory health assessments are completed by health practitioners within the 0-19 Public Health service and also provide a nursing service to those young people who do not fall within the remit of the 0-19 Public Health service.

You asked:

B2) What is the budget allocation for health of CLA service and actual spend? (01/04/18 – 31/03/19)?

Our response:

B2) NHS Eastern Cheshire CCG's commissioned Cared for Children Specialist Health Team via NHS Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust is commissioned as part of a block contract. As a result of the block contract, NHS Eastern Cheshire CCG's allocated budget and actual spend during the 2018/19 financial year for the CLA service was £125,657.

You asked:

B3) Does the CCG fund all health service provision for CLA?

Our response:

B3) NHS Eastern Cheshire CCG is not aware of any other funding/services linked to the Cared for Children Specialist Health Team commissioned from NHS Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust.

You asked:

B4) How many health assessments and care leavers assessments for CLA were completed in the last financial year (01/04/18 – 31/03/19)?

Our response:

B4) Please be advised that the data relating to the number of health assessments and care leavers assessments during the 2018/19 financial year is in the process of being collated. As a result, NHS Eastern Cheshire CCG do not hold this information to provide to you at the time of this response.

You asked:

B5) What is the allocated target time frame for completing health assessments of CLA?

Our response:

B5) It is a statutory requirement that all children receive an Initial Health Assessment (IHA) within 20 working days of entering care, which is completed by a Paediatrician commissioned by NHS Eastern Cheshire CCG. Once the IHA has been completed, it is also a statutory requirement that all Looked After Children receive a Review Health Assessment (RHA). For children under 5 years old, the RHA is required to be completed twice in each 12 month period and for children 5 years and over it is required to be completed annually. Timescales of the completion of these health assessments are monitored by the Children Specialist Health Team.

You asked:

B6) How many health assessments for CLA were completed within the target time frame during the last financial year?

Our response:

B6) Please be advised that the data relating to the number of health assessments completed within the target time during the 2018/19 financial year is in the process of being collated. As a result, NHS Eastern Cheshire CCG do not hold this information to provide to you at the time of this response.

You asked:

B7) How are health needs for children placed for adoption or foster care met by the CCG?

Our response:

B7) Children placed for adoption but still awaiting granting of an adoption order, or foster care, are all Looked After Children and therefore subject to the statutory requirements for health as detailed in '*Statutory guidance - Promoting the health and wellbeing of looked-after children*' (DfE, DHSC, March 2015) https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/413368/Promoting_the_health_and_well-being_of_looked-after_children.pdf. These children receive the same level of care as all other Looked After Children and care leavers.

You asked:

B8) What health service provision is allocated to unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC) and within what time frame?

Our response:

B8) Please be advised that unaccompanied asylum seeking children receive the same service provision as all other Looked After Children and the same statutory timescales apply.

You asked:

B9) Do you provide any other health service for CLA, children who have been adopted, adopters, foster carers or UASC?

Our response:

B9) NHS Eastern Cheshire CCG do not currently commission any other health services aside from those detailed in response to Question B1 for Looked After Children, children who have been adopted, adopters, foster carers or unaccompanied asylum seeking children.

You asked:

B10) Do you provide full BAAF medicals for adopters and foster carers as part of a Service level Agreement with Local Authorities? If so what is the average cost?

B11) Do you provide updated medicals for adopters and foster carers, if so what is the average cost and is this part of a Service Level Agreement with Local Authorities?

Our response:

B10 - 11) Please be advised that British Adoption & Fostering medicals and updated medicals for adopters and foster carers are completed within Primary Care by GPs and funded by the Local Authority. You may therefore wish to redirect your request for information on the average cost of British Adoption & Fostering medicals for adopters and foster carers to the Local Authority, Cheshire East Council. Cheshire East Council can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests via the following email address: foi@cheshireeast.gov.uk.

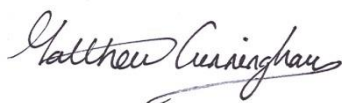
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The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely



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