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Dear Requestor

Request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

On 12 July 2019 you sent a request, made under the Freedom of Information Act, relating to vision screening of 4 to 5 year olds at school entry. I now provide this information as an attachment.

I trust that this is the information you require and that your request has been fully discharged.

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If you have queries about this response, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

Signature Removed

Paddy Baker
Data Protection Officer
NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group

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Q1:

Do you currently commission vision screening in school of children aged 4-5 years old? Y / N

Response:

Yes, NHS Dorset CCG do currently commission vision screening in school of children aged 4-5 years old from Royal Bournemouth Hospital.

If YES, would you please:

Q2:

List the key features of your commissioned screening service:

Response:

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| A | Settings (e.g. school). | Reception class in all state and independent schools in Dorset |
| B | Screening personnel (e.g. orthoptist, school nurse or other health professional). | Vision screening assistants (Band 3) under management of Lead Orthoptist |
| C | The onward care pathway for children who fail the vision screening | All children who fail to reach 0.2 in EE are referred onwards to the nearest Orthoptic service |
| D | The quality assurance (QA) processes (audit) and identified clinical lead for the vision screening service | Service audited on performance yearly by the Lead Orthoptist, and also audit results from screening referrals. |

Q3:

Tell us how you monitor if every child in your Local Authority has been tested (including those in private schools or those who are home-schooled).

Response:

The service liaises with School Health for class lists, and cross reference with school register and contact all private schools for details of their admissions and visit all these schools as part of the vision screening program. Contact LEA lead for Home schooled children – details on contacting the department to arrange for assessment, done in the “Missed screening clinics” held in school holidays, where all children who were absent are offered a drop in appointment

Q4:

Tell us whether the programme will be commissioned again in the next financial year

Response:

There is no plan to de-commission this service from The Royal Bournemouth Hospital.

Q5:

If NO- you do not currently commission a vision screening service in your area, would you please tell us:

- a. Why you do not commission vision screening?
- b. Whether a service is planned for the next financial year (2020/21)?
- c. Whether an existing service in your area has been recently decommissioned?

Response:

Not Applicable.