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Dear Requestor

Request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

On 12 August 2019 you sent a request, made under the Freedom of Information Act, relating to children and young people with cerebral palsy. 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:

What is the total number of children and young people diagnosed with cerebral palsy by your CCG in the last five years? (NB: this should be recorded as a total figure rather than figures for each year individually to allow for comparison with previous results)

Response:

NHS Dorset CCG does not hold this information; you may be able to source from Dorset Healthcare University NHS Foundation Trust via their Freedom of Information team on foi.enquiries@dhuft.nhs.uk.

Q2:

What is the care pathway for children and young people with cerebral palsy in your CCG? Please provide a copy of this if possible.

Response:

NHS Dorset CCG does not hold this information; you may be able to source from our Acute providers via their Freedom of Information teams as follows:

- Poole Hospital NHS Foundation Trust on foi.requests@poole.nhs.uk
- Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust on FOI@dchft.nhs.uk

Q3:

Is there a specific timescale set out in your care pathway for referral to a child development service for diagnosis of cerebral palsy from the point when symptoms are initially identified?

Response:

Please see response to Q2.

Q4:

What is the total number of:

1. Health visitors employed by your CCG
2. Specialist health visitors for children with special needs employed by your CCG?

Response:

As a commissioning organization NHS Dorset CCG does not employ health visitors. This would come under Dorset Healthcare University NHS Foundation Trust.

Q5:

What training is given to healthcare professionals, including health visitors and GPs, to recognise the risk factors and possible symptoms for cerebral palsy?

Response:

NHS Dorset CCG does not provide training for health professionals, you may be able to source this information from Dorset Healthcare University NHS Foundation Trust.

Q6:

What is the total number of specialist staff employed by your CCG, who are trained to work with children and young people with cerebral palsy, from the following disciplines:

1. Paediatric speech and language therapy
2. Paediatric physiotherapy
3. Paediatric occupational therapy

Response:

Please see response to Q4.

Q7:

How many children and young people with cerebral palsy are currently on a waiting list to access any of the above services within your CCG?

Response:

Please see response to Q1.