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Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: FOI-3065-LSC

Thank you for your request dated 12 April 2023.

We can confirm that the ICB does hold the information you requested.

Please find our response to your questions below:

In line with the Freedom of Information Act (2000), please name the organisation(s) that deliver(s) ASD (autism spectrum disorder) assessment / diagnoses in your ICB area for both adults and CYP (children and young people)?

a. When did the contract(s) begin and when is the contract(s) due to end?

The current provision of CYP ASD Assessment within Lancashire and South Cumbria is provided by the following:

- **Pennine Lancashire – East Lancashire Hospital Trust**
- **Central Lancashire, West, and North Lancashire – Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Trust (LTHTR) and Lancashire and South Cumbria Care Foundation Trust (LSCFT)**
- **Blackpool – Blackpool Teaching Hospital Trust (BTH)**
- **South Cumbria – provided by North Cumbria Integrated Care Trust (NCIC)**
 - **Blackpool Teaching Hospital Trust commenced The Fylde Coast School Age Neurodevelopment Pathway, in 2021.**
 - **Central Lancashire - ASD assessment/diagnoses is not a specific service across Central Lancashire but provided across a range of partners in a multi-disciplinary approach – with the waiting lists being coordinated and managed by the x2 main providers (LTHTR/LSCFT).**
 - **ELHT – start date 1 April 2022, end date 31 March, rolling contract**
 - **LSCFT – start date 1 April 2022, end date 31 March 2023, rolling contract**

The current provision of Adult ASD Assessment within Lancashire and South Cumbria is provided by:

The current Adult ASD Assessment service is provided by Clinical Partners across Lancashire and South Cumbria, except Blackpool. In Blackpool the service is provided by Blackpool Council and Blackpool Primary Mental Health Team.

b. What is the annual spend for this service for 2022-23, and for the last 5 years?

The annual spend for previous years provided below, is the only information we hold.

- **Children and Young People Annual Spend**

- **Central Lancashire – ASD assessment/diagnoses is not a specific service across Central Lancashire but provided across a range of partners in a multi-disciplinary approach – with the waiting lists being coordinated and managed by the x2 main providers (LTHTR/LSCFT). The provision of ASD assessment/diagnosis is within the wider block contract arrangements that are in place with these providers and the specific spend on ASD is not broken down within the contract**
- **Blackpool Teaching Hospital – Current contract value is £278,000 (21/22 recurrent). 2021/22 (£278,000); 19/21 (68,508); 18/19 (£82,734)**
- **East Lancashire Hospital Trust £192,500 per quarter, but this includes all ASD Pathway Funding and not just diagnostics/assessment**

c. How is the service contracted – is it Block, Activity-based, or AQP contracting?

- **The CYP ASD contract in East Lancashire Hospital trust is a rolling contract**
- **The CYP ASD contract with - LSCFT contract is a rolling contract**
- **The CYP ASD contract in Central Lancashire (Lancashire Teaching Hospital/Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust) The provision of ASD assessment/diagnosis is within the wider block contract arrangements that are in place with these providers and the specific spend on ASD is not broken down within the contract**
- **The Adult ASD Assessment contract with Clinical Partners to deliver this service commenced on 21 July 2022, and is due to end on 20 July 2023.**
- **The Adult ASD assessment within Blackpool – we do not hold this information**

d. If the service is commissioned with other CCGs, ICSs or Trusts, which are these?

We do not hold this information

e. If any of the organisation(s) subcontracts any ASD Assessments. And if yes the names of those subcontractor organisations, and the numerical quantity of ASD Assessments undertaken by each subcontractor organisation?

The above organisations do not sub-contract ASD assessments to our knowledge.

f. A list of Right to Choose providers used and whether this is for adults, children & young people or both

We do not hold this information

g. The number of ASD assessments undertaken by each Right to Choose provider including breakdown of adults and children & young people numbers?

We do not hold this information

Right of Appeal

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are dissatisfied with the response, you are entitled to request an internal review which should be formally requested in writing and must be within two calendar months from the date this response was issued.

To request an internal review

You can request this by contacting the FOI team by email at MLCSU.FOITeam@nhs.net or by post to Jubilee House, Lancashire Business Park, Leyland, PR26 6TR, specifying why you require a review.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the CCGs FOI complaints procedure. The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

**On behalf of Kevin Lavery
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