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Subject: Waiting Lists

REQUEST

I am reaching out under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information regarding waiting lists for specific assessments and therapies. The requested period is the most current available or the most recent position.

1. **Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Assessment:**
 - a. What is the current number of people waiting for a CAMHS assessment?
 - b. What is your average waiting time for CAMHS treatment?
 - c. Who is the person responsible for managing these waiting lists?
 - d. Has the Trust used independent providers to carry out work on the waiting list?

2. **Neurodevelopment Assessment:**
 - a. What is the average waiting time for a Neurodevelopmental assessment for children and adults?
 - b. What is the current number of children and adults waiting for a Neurodevelopmental assessment?
 - c. Who is the person responsible for managing this waiting list?
 - d. Has the Trust used independent providers to carry out work on the waiting list?

3. **Psychological Therapies:**
 - a. What is the average waiting time for psychological therapies?
 - b. What is the current number of adults awaiting psychological therapy?
 - c. Who is the person responsible for managing this waiting list?
 - d. Has the Trust used independent providers to carry out work on the waiting list?

RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1st July 2023, as such parts of the response may be provided in two sections relating to the hospital sites of each of the legacy organisations.

1. Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Assessment

Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust is an Acute Trust, as opposed to a Mental Health Trust, and as such does not have the information requested.

2. Neurodevelopment Assessment:

a. What is the average waiting time for a Neurodevelopmental assessment for children and adults?

St Helens and Knowsley:

The current provider for the Neurodevelopmental Pathway is Mersey Care, as such we are unable to provide any of the requested information.

Southport and Ormskirk:

Community Paediatrics: approximately 10 – 12 months.

b. What is the current number of children and adults waiting for a Neurodevelopmental assessment?

St Helens and Knowsley:

N/A

Southport and Ormskirk:

Community Paediatrics: 234 patients.

c. Who is the person responsible for managing this waiting list?

St Helens and Knowsley:

N/A

Southport and Ormskirk:

The Operational Team

- d. Has the Trust used independent providers to carry out work on the waiting list?**

St Helens and Knowsley:

N/A

Southport and Ormskirk:

No

3. Psychological Therapies:

- a. What is the average waiting time for psychological therapies?**

St Helens and Knowsley:

16 – 20 weeks depending on demand and capacity.

Southport and Ormskirk:

N/A

- b. What is the current number of adults awaiting psychological therapy?**

St Helens and Knowsley:

59 patients as at 23/01/2024.

Southport and Ormskirk:

N/A

- c. Who is the person responsible for managing this waiting list?**

St Helens and Knowsley:

Whole team of specialist psychologists with operational overview from Head of Psychology.

Southport and Ormskirk:

N/A

- d. Has the Trust used independent providers to carry out work on the waiting list?**

St Helens and Knowsley:

No current need; our waiting list is being managed via system efficiencies and filled vacancies.

Southport and Ormskirk:

N/A