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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding paediatric continence within NHS Southport and Formby CCG.

Request/[Response](#):

I am writing to make a Freedom of Information request to NHS Southport and Formby CCG on behalf of the Paediatric Continence Forum (PCF).

The PCF is a group of health professionals, patient representatives and companies that have come together to raise awareness of childhood bladder and bowel problems through proactive engagement with the Government.

1. Please state whether the following five paediatric continence services have been commissioned by your CCG:
 - a. Bedwetting;
 - b. Daytime wetting;
 - c. Toilet training;
 - d. Constipation/soiling;
 - e. Product supply for paediatric continence problems.

If any of the above services are not commissioned by your CCG, please let us know which partner organisation does commission the service.

[NHS Southport and Formby CCG commission all the above services via our Children's continence service. Please see the below link](#)

<http://www.liverpoolcommunityhealth.nhs.uk/health-services/children-and-families/childrens-continence-service.htm>

2. Is there a single service for the above five problems? If the answer is yes, is this service led by a paediatric continence advisor?

[Yes a single service exists for the five problems listed in question 1. The service is led by a professional with paediatric continence expertise.](#)

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3. If the answer to question 2 is no, please list the services that are commissioned to handle these problems and the designation of each of the service leads.

Not applicable

4. For each of the above five services, please state how many people aged from birth to 18 years were referred to the service in each of the last five years.

We are unable to provide this information for each of the five services separately, it is not held routinely by NHS Southport and Formby CCG as a commissioner. The provider <http://www.liverpoolcommunityhealth.nhs.uk/health-services/children-and-families/childrens-continenence-service.htm> should be approached directly for this information. In addition, our service is provided from birth – 16.

5. Do you have any future plans to:
- commission a new paediatric continence service; or

None currently

- review the existing paediatric continence service?

Our existing service is currently being transferred from our existing provider to a new one as part of a larger transactional process. An informal review of this service will happen as part of this process.

If so, please provide details.

6. How many nurses specialising in paediatric continence are currently employed by the services commissioned by your CCG? Please specify whether they have had specific training in:
- Children's nursing;
 - Paediatric continence management.

Current workforce and detailed expertise is not routinely held by the CCG as a commissioner. The provider <http://www.liverpoolcommunityhealth.nhs.uk/health-services/children-and-families/childrens-continenence-service.htm> should be approached directly for this information.

7. Are you aware of the [NICE-accredited Paediatric Continence Commissioning Guide](#)? If so, do the services commissioned in your CCG use it?

The existing service was commissioned prior to the publication of this guidance.