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Our Ref: MB/CM FOI 6251

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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 6251**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 28th March 2024.

Your request was as follows:

We are now reaching out to these providers under the Freedom of Information Act and would like to make a request regarding whether you offer a service for children and young people with tics or Tourette Syndrome and basic details of this service. Please include any information for sub-contracts that you have.

We would like you to respond for children and young people within the specified age range that your service accepts (e.g., 6 - 18 years or 6 - 25 years).

To facilitate this, please use the attached Excel spreadsheet to provide the information.

Please also supply a copy of any service pathways and specifications you may have within your service for children and young people with tic disorders.

Questions

1.  What is the specified age range that your service accepts?

•  6 - 18 years

•  6 - 25 years

•  Other (please state):

[Please see attached.](#)

2.  If a referral is made to your service for a child or young person with tics without a co-occurring mental health or neurodevelopmental condition, would you:

- Accept the referral for assessment
- Ask for additional information before a referral decision is made
- Decline the referral signposting to other agencies / service
- o  Please provide the name of the agency/service:
- Decline the referral but refer to another service within your trust
- o  Please provide the name of the service
- Decline the referral but make an out of area referral
- o  Please provide the name of the service
- Decline the referral with no further action  
[Please see attached.](#)

3.  How many referrals for tic disorders did your service receive from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, including those declined?

- Please give an exact number:  
[Please see attached.](#)

If your service does accept referrals for tics, please continue with the rest of this form.

4.  Out of the referrals that you have received from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, how many referrals for tic disorders did your service accept?

- Please give an exact number:  
[Please see attached.](#)

5.  Does your service:

- Conduct diagnostic assessments for tic disorders? (Yes/No) If you answer No, please still proceed to the next part of the question.

o  If Yes, how many patients were seen for diagnostic assessments from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023?

- Provide any interventions for families prior to giving a diagnosis? (Yes/No)

o  If Yes, please provide details of the intervention and who provides this intervention.

•  Offer treatment for tics? (Yes/No)

o  If Yes, how many patients in your service were prescribed medication to treat their tics from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023?

o  If Yes, how many patients received behavioural therapy for their tics from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023?

o  If Yes, how many patients received psychoeducation for their tics from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023?

[Please see attached.](#)

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Freedom of Information Office at the address above.

**Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 6251 in any future communications.**

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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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**Mr. Mike Burns, Executive Lead for Freedom of Information**