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Email:

Email: foi@liverpoolccg.nhs.uk

Dear,

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 13th March 2019, with regards to S117 Mental Health Act.

Request:

1. How many requests for S117 funding did your organisation receive in the three financial years – 2016/2017, 2017/2018, and 2018/2019 to date;
2. How many in each year were a) approved in line with the financial cost submitted? b) approved for a different level of financial cost? c) not approved or the requests were not pursued further in the absence of additional information requested to consider the request?
3. What local arrangements do your CCG have in place with relevant Local Authorities for agreeing the joint funding of costs relating to appropriate and agreed after care costs due under S117 Mental Health Act?
4. How are the financial contributions of the respective organisations determined? Are respective contributions determined on an individual service user basis or are they determined in accordance with a general agreement on respective funding shares?
5. If funding is determined with reference to a general agreement on financial shares, what proportion is paid by the CCG and what proportion is paid by the Local Authority?
6. If funding is determined on a case by case basis by what process are the respective shares determined?
7. If the respective shares have been agreed on a general basis, by what process were the respective shares determined and what factors were taken into consideration?
8. Can you please forward copies of any Local Agreement or Policy which outlines the process and respective shares?
9. If there is a local agreement in place, when is this next due for review;

10. What processes do you have in place for reviewing the ongoing appropriateness and need for ongoing S117 after care funding?
11. How many S117 payments have ceased during the three financial years – 206/2017, 2017/2018, and 2018/2019 to date?
12. How many of these, in each of the three years, were due to the service user no longer being deemed eligible or needing after care support.

Response:

We are unable to provide you with the information you have requested under section 1 (1)(a) of the FOI Act. This is because Liverpool City Council manage all of the S117 placements on behalf of health & social care.

We would suggest you redirect your freedom of information request to Liverpool City Council at the following email address informationrequests@liverpool.gov.uk.

We wish to take this opportunity to inform you that a formal complaints and internal review procedure is available to applicants who are unhappy with responses provided to FOI requests. You can formally request an internal review within a reasonable period of time (2 calendar months) from the date this response was issued.

Where you are not satisfied with the decision of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) for a further review of that decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure in the first instance. The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

www.ico.gov.uk

Should you require any further information, clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

Yours sincerely

**Corporate Services Team
NHS Liverpool CCG**