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Dear Sir / Madam,

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 1st February 2019 with regards to Continuing Health Care / Local Authority care packages for complex mental illness.

You provided clarification to us regarding the following definitions:

1. Continuing Health Care / Local Authority care packages – by this do you mean Joint Funded Packages of Care that are joint funded between Health and the Local Authority?

Response: Yes

2. Complex Mental Illness – Please confirm your definition of this. Do you mean those patients subjected to a section 117?

Response: Yes

Request / Response:

Application

- What is the professional status of the individual completing the application?

Response: Registered Mental Health Nurse

- Which health care/social care professionals contribute information for this application?

Response: Provider Organisations, Social Workers and NHS Health Professionals

- Who is responsible for engaging family carers in this process?

Response: For section 117 patients, Care Coordinators

Review

- On what basis are care packages reviewed?

Response: The frequency of reviews would depend on clinical presentation. The minimum is every 12 months

- Who initiates the review?

Response: Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit for weekly NHS cost of over £500 per week. For weekly NHS cost under £500 per week this would be done by Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust

- Who is invited to attend the review?

Response: Social Worker and patient's family would be invited to attend the review. With regards to family being invited to attend the review, this would depend on the patient's capacity / wishes)

- What is the professional status of the person conducting the review?

Response: Registered Mental Health Nurse

- Who receives a copy of the review documentation?

Response: Social Worker

- Who is informed of the outcome of the review?

Response: Social Worker, Care Coordinator, Family and Provider Organisations. Should there be any new health / social care needs identified, appropriate professionals will be informed.

Safeguarding

- When would CHC expect to be advised that the LA are investigating serious safeguarding concerns in regards to a recipient of a co - funded care package?

Response: This response relates to Joint Funded Section 117 cases and not CHC only cases. The expectation is that notification would be received as soon as possible after the Local Authority have been notified.

- How much information would CHC expect to be made aware of in regards to such a case?

Response: This response relates to Joint Funded Section 117 cases and not CHC only cases. The expectation is that all details for the safeguarding would be shared.

- What action would CHC take in regards to such a case?

Response: This response relates to Joint Funded Section 117 cases and not CHC only cases. Any actions identified for Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit to respond to would be completed within the specified timescales of the investigation.

- When would CHC expect to be advised that such a case had gone to court?

Response: This response relates to Joint Funded Section 117 cases and not CHC only cases. The team would expect to be advised that such a case had gone to court as soon as the Local Authority were aware of this.

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.

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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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 Manager
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