



14 September 2018

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DECISION NOTICE

Dear Requester

**FOI Reference Number: 18545**

I refer to your email of 17 August requesting information in respect of learning disability services.

I can confirm on behalf of Great Yarmouth and Waveney, North Norfolk, South Norfolk, Norwich and West Norfolk CCGs and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do hold some of the information that you have requested. A response to each element of your request is detailed below:

*I would like to make an enquiry about the LD Services for the CCs. The questions and details for the same are mentioned below,*

*Please disclose, in line with the Transforming Care programme and associated service models and specifications, whether your CCG has:*

- 1 - Enhanced/intensive community support services for children with a learning disability and/or autism who display challenging behaviour, yes or no;*
- 2 - Enhanced/intensive community support services for adults with a learning disability and/or autism who display challenging behaviour, yes or no;*
- 3 - Specialist community-based forensic services for children with a learning disability and/or autism who display challenging behaviour, yes or no;*
- 4 - Specialist community-based forensic services for adults with a learning disability and/or autism who display challenging behaviour, yes or no;*
- 5 - Alternative short-term accommodation for LD patients in crisis or potential crisis to avoid admission into a hospital setting, yes or no;*
- 6 - Acute learning disability inpatient services including the number of beds and whether they are in a dedicated specialist unit or existing mainstream inpatient services.*

### Response

1 – Yes – Public Health currently commission Starfish plus service across Norfolk from Norfolk Community Health and Care NHS Trust and in Waveney Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust (NSFT) provide this service. <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/children-and-families/send-local-offer/health/health-services-in-norfolk/mental-health-services/starfish-learning-disability-child-and-adolescent-mental-health-service>

2 – Yes - There is an Enhanced Assessment Team Service (EATS) based at Astley Court, Little Plumstead Hospital which cover Norfolk and Waveney between the hours of 9-p.m. Monday to Friday.

3 – Yes on spot purchase basis for each patient under the age of 14 that requires it. 14 plus have access to Forensic Support with Criminal Liaison Services provided in PIC's Police Investigation Centres delivered by NSFT.

4 – Specialist commissioning are responsible for commissioning any inpatient provision for children and young people who require an inpatient service. See <https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/spec-services/> for further information.

5 – No however the Local Authority should be able to assist you further in this regard. <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/> <http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/>

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I hope that this answers your queries with the information we currently hold, but if I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

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

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The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF, telephone 0303 123 1113, email [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

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Yours faithfully

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On behalf of Great Yarmouth and Waveney,  
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