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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DECISION NOTICE

Dear Requester

FOI Reference Number: 71595

I refer to your email of 21 September 2023 requesting information in relation to Continuing Care assessments.

I can confirm on behalf of NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do hold the information that you have requested. A response to each element of your request is detailed below.

If all the below questions cannot be answered within the appropriate time limit, please answer them in order until the limit is reached.

1. How many assessments for Children and Young People's Continuing Care were completed in each of the following financial years?

i)	2018/19	10
ii)	2019/20	37
iii)	2020/21	11
iv)	2021/22	20
v)	2022/23	16
vi)	A combined total between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2023	94

2. Of the completed assessments outlined in question 1, how many resulted in the individual being assessed as eligible for Children and Young People's Continuing Care? Please break down the figures by the following financial years.

i)	2018/19	7
ii)	2019/20	16
iii)	2020/21	5
iv)	2021/22	11
v)	2022/23	10
vi)	A combined total between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2023	49

3. Of the completed assessments outlined in question 1, how many resulted in the individual being assessed as not eligible for Children and Young People's Continuing Care? Please break down the figures by the following financial years.

i)	2018/19	3
ii)	2019/20	21
iii)	2020/21	6
iv)	2021/22	9
v)	2022/23	6
vi)	A combined total between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2023	45

4. What was the total number of individuals in receipt of Children and Young People's Continuing Care in each of the following financial years?

Please understand this as a total of all individuals in receipt of Children and Young People's Continuing Care, even if they later became no longer eligible within that same financial year. The figure should also include those that were already eligible at the beginning of the financial year, in addition to any that became newly eligible within the financial year.

i)	2018/19	60
ii)	2019/20	68
iii)	2020/21	73
iv)	2021/22	71
v)	2022/23	53

5. What was the total budget spent on individuals in receipt of Children and Young People's Continuing Care in each of the following financial years?

i)	2018/19	£2,733,595.67
ii)	2019/20	£2,355,699.82
iii)	2020/21	£4,126,364.66
iv)	2021/22	£3,266,103.33
v)	2022/23	£2,547,822.07

6. How many local resolution requests to review an eligibility decision were completed in the following financial years?

[Clarification – Yes, Qs 6 and 7 should be understood to relate to children and young people only]

i)	2018/19	nil
ii)	2019/20	nil
iii)	2020/21	nil
iv)	2021/22	nil
v)	2022/23	1
vi)	A combined total between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2023	1

7. How many of those in question 6 resulted in eligibility? Please break down the figures by the following financial years.

[Clarification – Yes, Qs 6 and 7 should be understood to relate to children and young people only]

i)	2018/19	nil
ii)	2019/20	nil
iii)	2020/21	nil
iv)	2021/22	nil
v)	2022/23	1
vi)	A combined total between 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2023	1

8. In the following financial years, for those assessed as newly eligible for Children and Young People’s Continuing Care, what was the average time taken between an individual’s full continuing care assessment* and the commissioning of the package of care?

The responses below have been answered by taking the start of the children’s local stage and the first package of care started after that.

***If this date is not recorded, please use ‘the point of recognition that a child or young person should have a full continuing care assessment’, as the framework words the point at which “the clock starts”.**

i)	2018/19	168 days (one outlier pushed the days up)
ii)	2019/20	90 days
iii)	2020/21	68 days
iv)	2021/22	95 days
v)	2022/23	76 days

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

Arden & GEM Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit
FOI TEAM/Corporate Communications Team
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Yours faithfully

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***On behalf of
NHS Lincolnshire ICB***