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Response Due: 9th November 2020

Date: 3rd November 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

You asked:

- 1. In your Emergency Departments are adults and/or children attending with assault-related injuries or attending as victims of violence identified for interventions that go beyond their immediate health needs?**

Yes – please see attached standard operating procedure for our NHS funded Independent Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Advisor's role (IDSVAs) – We have two full-time IDSVAs within our Trust

If yes, we would be grateful to receive information detailing:

- 2. The remit of this violence-specific work. Specifically, which types of patients are identified (e.g. domestic assault, sexual assault, alcohol-related assault, etc.) and whether identification is specific to a group of patients (e.g. women, children).**

The remit of the IDSVAs is to see any domestic abuse or sexual violence related patients following physical, emotional, financial, sexual violence.

Despite alcohol being involved, if domestic abuse is suspected the IDSVAs would see these patients

- 3. Approximately how many staff are involved with any specific violence-related initiatives.**

There are currently two NHS full-time funded IDSVAs at Wigan. We also have a trained IDVA whom is employed as a full-time Safeguarding Specialist Nurse and if needed, will assist with patients.

- 4. Approximately when the service(s) started (year and month).**

This service started in May 2018. Prior to this, there was a council funded IDVA who provided support for Wigan patients.

5. Whether the staff involved with the service(s) in the Emergency Department are NHS employees, employees of other organisations.

The IDSVAs are both fully NHS funded and NHS employees

6. In the case that patients are referred to service(s) outside of the NHS, which services they are typically referred to.

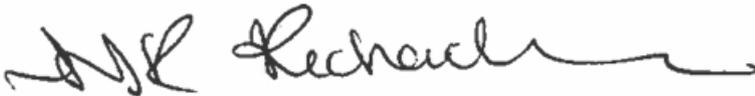
Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARACs); Community Domestic Abuse Services; Police; Sexual Abuse Referral Centre at Manchester; Court in order to obtain various orders; Housing; Social Care; The Brick Homeless Team

7. In the case that patients are referred to service(s) inside the NHS, which services/specialities they are typically referred to.

Alcohol Specialist Nurses; Gynaecology Departments; Max-Fax Departments; Bereavement Nurses

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Helen Richardson
Chief Nurse and Director of Infection Prevention and Control

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