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Request:

Thanks for earlier telephone conversation.

As discussed, the Earlham Early Years Children's Centre are currently updating our local needs analysis, and we were hoping to obtain some data to indicate the prevalence of drug and alcohol problems in families with young children (under 5yr olds) in our geographic area.

We provide a wide range of family support for young families, and this data will be used in conjunction with other data sources to ensure that we provide services appropriate to the needs of our community.

Any summary information you could supply concerning the number of service uses NRP have seen in which young families have been affected in the Earlham/ Marlpit/ Larkman/ Northfields areas of Norwich, split by alcohol/drug use, would be hugely useful to us.

I attach an excel spreadsheet which shows a map of the 6sq km area we cover, together with a list of postcodes contained within that area. Alternatively, if you already aggregate information by MSOA as used by Public Health England profiles, I can tell you that the majority of our area lies in either the 05005888 University or E05005889 Wensum area. The total population is around 17,000, and there are around 1100 under 5yr olds.

I completely appreciate your concern for ensuring that information remains confidential and aggregated sufficiently to not be personally identifiable. Ideally we would simply want to know the number of incidences in each category you have seen in a year affecting families with under 5yr olds in our area and, if possible, any indication of rising or falling trends over time. If there's anything else you need from me then please don't hesitate to ask.

Response:

Thank you for your recent FOI request, I apologise for the delay in responding.

Following advice from Norfolk County Council the Trust was asked to deal with this request as they felt we would hold the information.

Upon a review by our Informatics Team to provide this information is more difficult than first thought. Unfortunately, they are unable to pull out any detail regarding the age of an NRP client's children, as their date of birth is recorded on our system as free text, rather than a set field that can be analysed.

Therefore, to manually locate and analyse this data would be over the 18 hours appropriate time limit set under the FOI Act.

I have informed Christopher Strivens of the outcome of the review by Informatics and he is keen to be able to still provide the information, so he is now looking into a way that the Trust can manually collate this information and provide it to you but outside of the remit of the Freedom of Information Act and will be in touch directly with you.

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