

Information Governance

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Dear

Request for Information: Freedom of Information Act

Thank you for your email of 19th March making a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. You requested the following information and the Trust is able to provide the information below in response:

Request:

Please can you tell me the date and year that the "adult autism diagnosis service" was operational at the Whiteleaf centre.

Please could you tell me if there were alternative places that I could have been referred to before the operational date of the Whiteleaf centre adult autism

Response:

The first patient open to the ASD service was referred on 12th September 2014, and assessed on 31st October 2014.

Prior to the setting up of the Bucks Autism Diagnosis Service there was no dedicated specialist service for adults without a learning disability. It was this gap in service that led to the Clinical Commissioning Group commissioning the service. The Trust holds no information relating to providers of adult autism services prior to 2014, Buckinghamshire CCG (or PCT previously) may hold information as the commissioners of such a service at that time.

If you are concerned with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to me and I will ensure the decision is reviewed. The Trust will consider undertaking a review if requested to do so within 40 working days of the date the response is received by the applicant, and will apply discretion if a longer period of time has passed.

Should you wish to make a complaint as a result of the outcome of such a review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision.

Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Trust for FoI Act matters.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF

Please contact me if there are any further queries.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Mark Underwood

Head of Information Governance