

22 February 2017

Our Ref: RFI 19468

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to Paediatric Continence Services**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for the information relating to the above which you requested on 25 January 2017.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Children's Services & Social Work Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

Under the terms of the legislation, if you are unhappy with this response you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. If you wish to do so, please write to me at the address below.

If after such a review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner who will undertake an independent review. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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Q1. *Please state whether the following five paediatric continence services have been commissioned by your Health Board:*

- a. *Bedwetting;*
- b. *Daytime wetting;*
- c. *Toilet training;*
- d. *Constipation/soiling;*
- e. *Product supply for paediatric continence problems.*

If any of the above services are not commissioned by your Health Board, please let us know which partner organisation does commission the service.

A1. The Trust's Child Health Directorate provides the following:

- Bedwetting
- Toilet Training
- Product Supply for paediatric continence problems.

Young People over the age of 13 years can be supported through Adult Continence Service within the Trust.

Q2. *Is there a single service for the above five problems? If the answer is yes, is this service led by a paediatric continence advisor?*

A2. There is no single service for the above five problems

Q3. *If the answer to question 2 is no, please list the services that are commissioned to handle these problems and the designation of each of the service leads.*

A3. Within community nursing we are commissioned to provide a service for bedwetting, toilet training and product supply. Within the Directorate, School Nurses, Health Visitors, Public Health Staff Nurses, Community Children's Nurses and Community Nurses Learning Disability are involved in helping to address continence problems for children.

- Q4. *For each of the above five services please state how many people aged from birth to 18 years were referred to the service in each of the last five years.*
- A4. The Trust can provide data on referral numbers for Nocturnal Enuresis Clinic for children aged 6 to 12 years, please see statistics provided in Table 1 below:

Table 1

Financial Year	Number of Referrals
2011/2012	236
2012/2013	330
2013/2014	329
2014/2015	319
2015/2016	256

- Q5. *Do you have any future plans to:*
- a. *commission a new paediatric continence service; or*
 - b. *review the existing paediatric continence service?*
- A5. The Trust continues to review paediatric services in the community in respect of toilet training, nocturnal enuresis and product supply.
- Q6. *How many nurses specialising in paediatric continence are currently employed by the services commissioned by your Health Board? Please specify whether they have had specific training in:*
- a. *Children's Nursing;*
 - b. *Paediatric continence management.*
- A6. There are 8 qualified nurses who run the community clinics. Some of these nurses hold specialist community public health nurse qualification (Health Visiting/School Nursing). The nurses have completed short course modules at local University and/or have attended post registration study sessions on continence management
- Q7. *Are you aware of the [NICE-accredited Paediatric Continence Commissioning Guide](#)? If so, do the services commissioned in your Health Board use it?*
- A7. Yes, all staff involved in continence management is aware of the guidelines.