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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 1209/17

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request & Response:

I would like to submit the following as an FOI request to Rutland Council public health department as part of a research study that I’m running.

1. What health services does the public health department commission specifically for probation service clients (those seen by the National Probation Service, Community Rehabilitation Companies, or housed in probation Approved Premises) for:

   A) Substance misuse (drugs, alcohol and dual diagnosis)

Answer:

The service specification for the Substance Misuse and Community Treatment Service includes criminal justice specific requirements. This includes the Provider working in conjunction with the Leicester and Leicestershire Criminal Justice services to ensure that Rutland residents subject to the criminal justice system in Leicestershire are supported. Interventions for eligible service users are from point of arrest through sentence (either community of custodial) and on release. Partnership working with criminal justice agencies includes staff working closely with criminal justice agencies, to support communication, and co-delivery of services.

There is a specialist criminal justice team within the substance misuse treatment service. However, how the service is delivered and by how many staff (grades and hours) is the responsibility of the substance misuse treatment service, based on local needs and meeting the service specification.

   B) Public health (smoking cessation, communicable diseases, vaccinations, sexual health, healthy eating, exercise, mentors)

Please describe each service (e.g. clinics co-located with probation staff/within probation premises/Approved Premises, ‘through the gate’ continuity of healthcare work, Integrated Offender Management work), and give grade and hours of work for staff at the service(s)

Answer:

No separate specialist service is provided to probation clients through the local authority.
2. Does the public health department facilitate access to mainstream (non-offender-specific) healthcare for probation service clients in any way (e.g. directly making probation staff aware of the services and referral procedures)? If so, please could you describe how you do this?

Answer:

No special arrangements in place. Access to services would be through the same routes as the rest of the population.

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Yours faithfully

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