FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 300/19

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request / Response:

1. How many social workers employed directly by the Local Authority work within mental health provision?

Answer: 1

2. Does the number above include the Approved Mental Health Professional workforce? If yes, how many social work Approved Mental Health Professionals are employed by the local authority?

Answer: No

3. Are the mental health social workers employed directly by the local authority (please indicate all which apply):

   a. Based in local authority teams

      Answer: Yes

   b. Based in NHS teams under direct local authority line management

      Answer: No

   c. Based in NHS teams without direct local authority line management

      Answer: No

4. What formal or informal arrangements does the local authority have with local NHS providers for the provision of mental health services (please describe)?
Answer:
Rutland residents registered with a Rutland GP can access a range of health care services provided by Leicestershire Partnership trust – acute wards, CMHT, Assertive Outreach, forensic mental health services, eating disorders, mental health services for older people, unscheduled care service, crisis response and home treatment service, alcohol and drug service, psychosis intervention and intervention and early recovery, psychology.

5. Does the local authority commission any mental health social work provision from a third party provider? If yes, which services are externally commissioned?

Answer:
**Leicestershire County Council:**
- Delivery of AMHP service to meet the needs of the local area. (COP 4.33)
- Approval of AMHPs to undertake statutory functions (section 114)
- Receive persons into Guardianship (Section7) where this is assessed as the appropriate course of action.
- To enter and inspect premises in which a mentally disordered person is living if it is believed the person is not under proper care (section 135)
- To assess a patient detained under Section 136.
- To coordinate the assessment process (COP 4.40)
- To reach an independent decision in relation to whether hospital admission is required and whether compulsion is necessary (sections 13(5) and 13(2)
- To make an application for admission or a guardianship application (section 12 (1A)) where the criteria is met and it is assessed as the most appropriate course of action.
- To apply to the court for appointment of an acting nearest relative (section 29) or replacement of a private guardian (section 10) where appropriate.
- To convey the person to hospital where an application is made (section6 (1))
- To request an independent mental health advocate (IMHA) visits the patient (section 130B).
- To agree to the making of (section17a), extension of (section 20a) and conditions for (section 17b) a community treatment order.

**Leicester City:**
As above for out of hours.

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Yours faithfully

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