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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding autism assessments within South Sefton CCG.

Request/Response:

- 1. Names of all assessment centres to which adults in the CCG are referred for autism diagnostic assessments.
 - Firstly, I would like the names of all centres to which adult patients under this CCG are referred for NHS assessment and diagnosis of autism (including both autism with intellectual disability and "high functioning" autism or Asperger Syndrome).
- 2. Number of patients of each gender who were referred to each centre for an autism assessment.
 - Secondly, I am specifically interested in the number of women and the number of men who were referred to each diagnostic centre. However, if there are any additional patients who identify as intersex, non-binary gender or non-recorded gender, I would also like this information.
- 3. Number of patients of each gender who received a diagnosis of any form of autism or autism spectrum disorder from each centre.
 - Finally, I would like to know how many patients of each gender were diagnosed with any autism spectrum condition. If information about sub-categories is available (e.g. how many men and women were diagnosed with Asperger's as opposed to other autism spectrum conditions) this would be useful but is not required.

For questions 1-3 NHS South Sefton CCG does not hold this information, you may wish to redirect your query to –

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