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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding fertility counselling within NHS South Sefton CCG.

Request/[Response](#):

This FOI relates to NICE guidelines (2004/2013) which state that counselling should be offered for people who have fertility problems and that counselling should be provided by someone who is not directly involved in the management of the individual's and/or couple's fertility problems.

Please can you answer the following questions:

1. Does your CCG provide a specialist counselling service for people suffering from infertility?
Yes or No

[No](#)

2. If yes, please state the total number of sessions of specialist counselling for infertility provided in each of the following calendar years: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.
3. Please provide the following breakdown of those sessions in Q. 2.
 - a) The total number of women who received individual counselling in each of the following calendar years: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016
 - b) The total number of men who received individual counselling in each of the following calendar years: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.
 - c) The total number of couples (heterosexual) who received joint counselling in each of the following calendar years: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.
 - d) The total number of couples (homosexual) who received joint counselling in each of the following calendar years: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.

Chair: Dr Andrew Mimmagh
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4. Please provide the total cost of providing counselling services for infertility for each of the following calendar years: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016. If you are unable to provide calendar year data please provide tax years.
5. What was the average waiting time from referral to first session to see a counsellor for infertility for each of the following calendar years: 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016?

For questions 2 – 5 – not applicable