

FOI 0352/2023 Response

Request

Under the freedom of information act please could you provide the following information

i) PANDAS (Paediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections) ii) PANS (Paediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome) iii) immune mediated neuro behaviour conditions.

Following this update from the working group. Please could you provide me with the following:

1) Tell me whether the Trust/ Hospitals treatment and diagnostic criteria has changed as a result of the working group statement. If it has, please can you send me the copies of the new policy/ procedure for treatment and diagnostic pathway.

2a) Please could you also provide for each condition or probable/ suspected condition i)-iii) above the number of paediatric patients presenting with these conditions for each year for the past 1 year? & b) how many patients were referred to another service outside of the trust.

3) Please could you provide me with any minutes of meetings which decided how patients are treated following the British Paediatric Neurology Association update on the working group in February 2023 and who made the decision to implement any changes.

4a)) Whether the Trust/ Hospital has sought commissioning to treat this cohort of patients and b) who did it approach e.g ICB or NHSE and c) whether this was approved or rejected along with the reasons why or timescales for implementation if relevant.

Response

Please note that Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Foundation Trust explicitly provide mental health services and do not provide physical healthcare like an Acute Trust.

Your request for information is therefore not applicable to the Trust.