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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/014250 – Children with medical complexities or CMiC

We are part of a Multidisciplinary Team working at Birmingham Children's Hospital, dealing with processes around children who are medically complex (Children with medical complexities or CMiC). We define these as: children with a long term condition, lasting greater than 12 months and requiring input from 2 or more medical teams/specialities. This group of children often have specialist feeding needs and many are technology dependent. In addition to this, they may also have unresolved housing, immigration and care package provision dilemmas. They may have extra family support needs due to parental capacity or illness. Co-ordinating clinical care for them can be a challenge. We are currently doing a survey of all inpatient paediatric units, to look at how the problem varies nationally, and would like to ask you the following eight questions, as a freedom of information request, in line with The Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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1. What is your paediatric inpatient occupancy, on your units (0-18yrs)?

75% (this is based on the childrens ward 2017/18 paediatric general and day case ward activity at midday). Please note this will exclude paediatric assessment unit and HDU spaces. This also excludes any 17-18 years olds that occupied an adult bed.

2. How many of these would fit into the definition above?

None

3. How many long stay (>30days) paediatric patients do you have?

None at present

4. How many of these patients are medically fit to be discharged?

Not applicable

5. Amongst your long stay paediatric population, are there any non-medical barriers to discharge? If so what are the common reasons e.g. housing, care provider allocation, training or social care support?

None at present

6. Who coordinates discharge planning for "CMiC" patients and how are they set up to do this e.g. specialist paediatric discharge nurse, CNS, adult discharge teams, support workers?

Not applicable

7. Do you have any links with charities when doing this work e.g. charity funded nursing positions, collaboration with charity workers?

Not applicable

8. Do you have specific paperwork for long stay "CMiC" patients e.g. hospital passports, patient held records, advanced care plans?

Not applicable