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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/014863 - Orthoptic screening of 4 to 5 year olds at school entry

We would be grateful if you could please answer the following questions and their subsections (where applicable) for the financial year 2019/20 to allow us to establish current provision and support orthoptists in the future to deliver an 'orthoptic led' service.

Many thanks for providing this information, it will be extremely useful to support the objective of delivering equitable orthoptic led vision screening for ALL 4-5 year old children by mapping out current provision.

Questions

1. How many LA and CCGs are served by your organisation for all acute, community and specialist services?
Please list them all.
 - Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group
 - Black Country Partnership
2. Does your organisation provide the Orthoptic Services for the resident populations of these LAs and CCGs? - Yes
3. Is a vision screening service currently available in the area (by LA or CCG) served by your organisation for providing Orthoptic Services? - Yes
N If NO - please list the LA/CCG that do not provide a vision screening service
If YES – For each commissioned screening service please indicate:
 - a. Who commissions it - LA or CCG? - Currently Black Country Partnership
 - b. Its compliance with the PHE service specifications i.e. Orthoptic-led and delivered with Quality Assurance and clinical audit processes (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publicatio...>)
 - i. Compliant - Yes
 - ii. Not compliant
4. List the key features of each commissioned screening service :
 - a. Settings (e.g. school). - Primary School and hospital for absentees, home schooled and private school children
 - b. Screening personnel (e.g. orthoptist, school nurse or other health professional). - Orthoptist
 - c. The onward care pathway for children who fail the vision screening. - All children are referred either a Community Orthoptic and Optometry clinic run by the hospital Orthoptic Service or to the hospital eye service
 - d. The quality assurance processes (audit) and identified clinical lead for the vision screening service.
– Annual audit of service, data provided to BIOS. Optical Service lead manages contract whilst Orthoptic Screening Lead monitors service, annually audits results and ensures compliance.
5. Tell us how you monitor if every eligible child in the Local Authority or CCG commissioning the service has been tested (including those in private schools, or those who are home schooled).
 - The Trust liaises with Child Health to ensure we have the details of all children not in mainstream or special school.
6. Tell us whether a vision screening programme has been commissioned for the current financial year - Yes
7. If a vision screening service is not currently available, in a Local Authority or CCG served by your Organisation could you please tell us for each of these LA or CCGs –
 - a. why it has not been commissioned? - N/A
 - b. whether a service is planned for the next financial year (2020/21)?
 - c. whether an existing service has been recently decommissioned?