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5th September 2016,

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 8th September 2016, with regards Sleep Apnoea.

Request/**Response**

1) where are patients currently referred for diagnosis and treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnoea ("OSA")?

Local adult sleep apnoea/sleep disorder breathing service is provided by Aintree University Hospital or Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital.

Aintree accepts referrals, carries out diagnostics and treats patients diagnosed with OSA.

Liverpool Heart and Chest accept referrals and carry out diagnostics – any individuals diagnosed with OSA will then be referred to Aintree Hospital to receive treatment.

2) How many patients are referred annually for sleep diagnostics related to Obstructive Sleep Apnoea?

We are unable to answer this question as we do not have access to this level of detail within referral data sets.

We can confirm how many Liverpool CCG patients have received treatment which has been classified under the health resource group ("HRG") 'DZ50Z – Respiratory Sleep Study' during the 2015/16 financial year as per the table below.

Provider	Specialty	HRGCODE	Actual
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			Activity
St Helens & Knowsley	ENT	DZ50Z	1
	Respiratory Medicine	DZ50Z	11
Liverpool Heart & Chest	Respiratory Medicine	DZ50Z	128
	Respiratory		
	Physiology	DZ50Z	1
Aintree	Respiratory Medicine	DZ50Z	103
	Respiratory		
Warrington & Halton	Physiology	DZ50Z	1
Grand Total			245

3) What is the current waiting time for Sleep diagnostics related to Obstructive Sleep Apnoea?

Please see answer to Q5.

4) What is the current waiting time for commencing CPAP therapy related to Obstructive Sleep Apnoea?

Please see answer to Q5.

5) How many patients currently are using CPAP therapy for Obstructive Sleep Apnoea?

Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group cannot provide you with answers to these elements of your request as we do not hold the data you are requesting.

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Should you require any further information, clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

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