

Freedom of Information Request – 3930

Continence care is a critical component of children's health and wellbeing. National guidance, including the *Children's Continence Commissioning Guide* and the *Consensus Document for the Provision of Continence Containment Products to Children and Young People*, highlights the importance of accessible, multidisciplinary services that meet assessed clinical need and promote independence.

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), we would be most grateful if you could provide answers to the following questions regarding your Trust's children's continence and/or bladder and bowel services. We kindly request responses to the following questions:

1. Does your Trust currently provide a children's continence and/or bladder and bowel service for individuals aged 0–19 years?

Yes

If yes, please provide:

- The name of the service *Healthy bowel and bladder service*
 - The age range it covers. *0-19yrs*
 - The staff roles or disciplines included in the service (e.g. nurse, physiotherapist, occupational therapist). *PNP Band 7 x 0.32 WTE, paediatric nurse Band 7 X 0.49 WTE, Nurse Band 6 x 1 WTE, Nursery Nurse Band 5 x 0.85 WTE.*
 - The number of staff in each role, expressed as whole-time equivalent (WTE). *As above. 2 Band 7's leaving in March '26 to be replaced with additional Band 6 x 1 0.58 WTE*
 - The service's referral pathway (e.g. GP, school nurse, self-referral). *Paediatric consultants, paediatric ward, GP's, school nurses, health visitors, dieticians, OT's*
2. Has your Trust closed, reduced, or restructured any part of its children's continence and/or bladder and bowel service within the past three years (since October 2022)? *No*

If yes, please provide:

- The date of closure or reduction. *N/A*
 - A brief description of what changed (e.g. staffing, eligibility criteria, service capacity).
3. How many children and young people aged 0–19 are currently being supported by your adult continence service for pad provision? Please provide the number of individuals currently recorded in this category.
This would require a manual audit of patient notes to determine, which would exceed the appropriate limit. Exempt Section 12(1).
 4. What is the average waiting time (in weeks) for an initial assessment on the children's continence service? *8 weeks*

Please provide the current number of children and young people (aged 0–19) on the waiting list for this service *35 new patients waiting. 371 patients on follow-up waiting list with an average wait time of 4 weeks*

Does your Trust follow the relevant NICE guidelines for continence care and management? Please indicate Yes.

NICE Guidelines Bedwetting in children and young people

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg111>

NICE Quality standard Bedwetting in Children and young people

<https://www.nice.org/guidance/qs70>

A consensus document

- [Children's Continence Commissioning Guide: A handbook for the commissioning and running of children's community continence services](#)