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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to paediatric Cerebral Palsy.

1. *The total number of children and young people diagnosed with cerebral palsy by Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust within each of the last five years.*
2. *The total working-time equivalent (WTE) number of specialist staff employed by Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust from the following disciplines, trained to work with children and young people with cerebral palsy:*
 - a. *Paediatric speech and language therapists*
 - b. *Paediatric physiotherapists*
 - c. *Paediatric occupational therapists*
3. *The total working-time equivalent (WTE) number of:*
 - a. *Health visitors*
 - b. *Specialist health visitors for children with special needs employed by Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust.*
4. *A copy of your care pathway for children and young people with cerebral palsy.*
5. *A copy of your service framework for children and young people with cerebral palsy.*
6. *Whether there is a specific timescale set out in your care pathway for referral for diagnosis of cerebral palsy, from the point of the formal identification of symptoms.*

7. An overview of training and advice provided by Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust for health professionals on identifying and referring children with cerebral palsy.

1. Children using the acute trust do not have a Primary diagnosis of cerebral palsy as this is not their reason for attending our service - i.e. chest infection
2.
 - a. Paediatric Speech and Language therapy is provided to Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust (MTW) via a Service level Agreement by Kent Community Health Foundation Trust
 - b. As an acute Trust we directly employ paediatric physiotherapists who are trained and appropriately skilled and competent to manage children presenting with cerebral palsy as part of the caseload of an acute Trust, there is no specific designated wte allocated to children with cerebral palsy
 - c. MTW are in the process of assessing the paediatric Occupational Therapy requirement for the paediatric service
3.
 - a. MTW do not employ health visitors. Please contact the children's services within Kent Community Health Foundation Trust.
 - b. MTW employ children's community nurses who have all received training as part of their nursing qualification. All paediatric trained nursing staff receive training on children with disabilities and complex conditions as part of their children's nurse training.
4. The ongoing case management of these children will primarily be provided by the children's services within Kent Community Health Foundation Trust.
5. Please contact the children's services within Kent Community Health Foundation Trust.
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