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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 aquatic physiotherapy (hydrotherapy) provision.

You asked:

1. On behalf of which NHS Trust / Health Board are you responding?

2. Does your Trust / Health Board have access to a hydrotherapy pool?

3. If you do have access are your hydrotherapy pools onsite or offsite? (Tick all that apply)

4. Were all your hydrotherapy pools open prior to the COVID-19 pandemic?5. If you do not have access to hydrotherapy pools, please tick all answers that apply to answer why that is.

6. How many hydrotherapy pools exist on your NHS Trust / Board's estate? Include those closed prior to COVID-19.

7. What are your closed hydrotherapy pools / departments now used for? REOPENING OF HYDROTHERAPY POOLS

8. Will all your hydrotherapy pools be re-opening?

9. When are your hydrotherapy pools scheduled to re-open?

10. If your hydrotherapy pools are not scheduled to reopen, why is that? (Please select all that apply)

11. If your hydrotherapy pools are not scheduled to reopen, has a full public consultation taken place?

12. If your hydrotherapy pools are not scheduled to reopen has an equality impact assessment taken place?

OPERATING HYDROTHERAPY POOLS

13. If your hydrotherapy pools are open or scheduled to open is / will your aquatic physiotherapy (hydrotherapy) service capacity be reduced as a result of COVID-19?

14. What capacity are / will you be able to offer compared to pre pandemic? Please enter a percentage (%).

15. Is / will your service be provided on a 1:1 basis?

16. Is / will your service be provided with the therapist instructing from poolside

17. Approximately how many sessions did you have access to your

hydrotherapy pools on a weekly basis pre pandemic? (Where one session = one morning, afternoon or evening clinic)

18. Approximately how many sessions do you currently have access to your hydrotherapy pools on a weekly basis?

19. Which services use your hydrotherapy pools?

20. Are your hydrotherapy pools used by inpatient or outpatient services?

21. Prior to the pandemic did you provide out of hours access to your

hydrotherapy pools to patient groups or private groups? e.g. NASS, Private Clinics (Please provide a list)

22. Have these sessions restarted? (Please provide a list of those which have restarted)

23. Do you currently audit the use and effectiveness of aquatic physiotherapy (hydrotherapy)?

24. Please list outcome measures or tools used to audit the use and effectiveness of aquatic physiotherapy (hydrotherapy)?

25. If you are happy to be contacted for further information to support aquatic physiotherapy (hydrotherapy) services remobilise please provide an email address below.

Trust response:

I understand that the response has been sent to you directly however, for completeness a copy of the response is linked below and also attached to this email.

