

Learning Disabilities children and young people Body Mass Index

Request

I should be grateful if you could let me have the following, again in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

1. The number of children and young people with learning disabilities, within the age range 3 to 18 years, whose Body Mass Index was measured and recorded during the two years from 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2013 via the Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust's screening, surveillance and health promotion programmes.
2. The number of children and young people with learning disabilities, whose Body Mass Index (BMI) was measured and recorded during this two year time period, who were found to have a BMI within the obese range of 30 or higher.

Our Response

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide the information you are requesting for the following reasons:

- The information is not held on our Electronic Patient Record in this way:
 - Each diagnosis is associated with a Read Code on SystmOne. Only Paediatricians can make diagnoses and there will be occasions where the correct Read Codes have not been applied to the diagnoses, for example, a diagnosis may have been entered textually.
 - The definition of Learning Disability encompasses many conditions, e.g. dyslexia, some of which would be read-coded and some would not.
 - If the GP has made the diagnosis and the GP is not on SystmOne, then the information will not be visible to us and would not be picked up on a report.
 - Some diagnoses made prior to the implementation of SystmOne may not have been entered.
- Not all BMI information would necessarily be up to date, i.e. if there were no ongoing health needs for the child they would not necessarily be routinely weighed.
- Not all our services use electronic patient records, and to locate and retrieve this information from paper records would exceed the appropriate costs limit, currently £450, under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.