

Reference: FOI.ICB-2425/108

Subject: Behaviour Support Services for Children with LDA

I can confirm that the ICB does hold some of the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>I would be most grateful if you would provide me, under the Freedom of Information Act, details in respect to positive behaviour support services for children and young people (CYP) with learning disabilities and autism within your ICB.</p> <p>Positive behaviour support or behaviourally intensive community services can support CYP with high acuity needs presenting the most challenging behaviours to avoid hospitalisation, provide support to their families/carers and provide the individual with greater quality of life.</p> <p>The details we require are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is there a positive behaviour support or behaviourally intensive community service available within the ICB? 	<p>Yes. Children and Young People in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG) are able to access an Autism Intensive Service, previously known as the Positive Behaviour Support Service. The provision is delivered through the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), which is part of the Children's Community Health Partnership (CCHP) contract, held by Sirona care and health CiC.</p> <p>CAMHS is sub-contracted by Sirona to Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. If so: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Who delivers this service? (in-house teams, not-for-profit provider, independent / private provider) b. Is this service stand-alone or is it part of / a sub-team of another service? i.(If so, what other services are included?) c. How long has this service been in place? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Service is delivered by the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), provided by Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust. b. Please request this information directly from the provider. c. This service has been in place since April 2017.

3. Is the service a temporary or short-term service/project with a fixed end date?	No
4. How is the service funded and from which budgets? (if funded by the ICB – then what is the relevant ICB budget category that funds this service?) a. Is this expected to change in future?	<p>The service is funded from contributions by BNSSG ICB, Bristol City Council, South Gloucestershire Council and North Somerset Council. For BNSSG ICB the contribution comes from the children's budget.</p> <p>a. Since 2018 the service has been funded non-recurrently, with agreements being sought from each commissioner annually. In the business planning round for 24/25 all commissioners confirmed recurrent contributions for the service until the end of the existing contract.</p>
5. What has been the annual spend on the service year-on-year (for as many years as available)	The AIS service was not originally commissioned as part of the CCHP contract (as per Q4) and was funded non-recurrently prior to the 24/25 agreement for onward recurrent funding at £450,000 per annum.
6. Under this contract, how many children and young people are currently receiving these services?	The ICB does not hold this information, we advise you to contact the provider directly.
7. What are the referral criteria for individuals to access this service?	<p>Children can be referred to the Autism Intensive Service if they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • aged 0-18 years • have a diagnosis of autism • do not have a moderate or severe learning disability • presenting with levels of challenging behaviour that places them at risk of home/school breakdown and/or social exclusion and a Tier 4 admission

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • working with CAMHS/Social Care and these have been evidenced to be insufficient and/or ineffective
<p>8. If the service is being delivered by an external provider</p> <p>a. How was the contract commissioned? Please confirm if it was direct award or via a formal procurement process?</p> <p>b. The supplier of the current service and any unsuccessful suppliers</p> <p>c. Who are the key stakeholders within the ICB responsible for commissioning?</p> <p>d. What are the contractual performance KPIs for this service? Have they been achieved?</p> <p>e. Does the ICB treat any cases with PBS services outside of this contract? If so, what has been the annual spend on these cases?</p>	<p>a. The CCHP contract was procured through a competitive process in 2017 under Public Contracts Regulations 2015.</p> <p>b. Please see response to Q1.</p> <p>c. The Business and Planning Directorate within Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB are responsible for the commissioning of health services.</p> <p>d. The Autism Intensive Service is an outcome-based service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To increase quality of life and adaptive behaviours alongside the prevention and reduction of challenging behaviour. • To reduce out of authority inpatient and residential placements by supporting children and families locally. • To reduce family breakdown. <p>e. No</p>
<p>9. If done via in-house teams: do any of the staff in the service have any specialist training and qualifications (e.g. certifications such as University or other training provider awards/credits) in challenging behaviours beyond their professional training?</p> <p>a. What is the size of this in-house team?</p>	<p>The ICB does not hold this information, we advise you to contact the provider directly.</p>
<p>10. Do you intend to commission a behaviourally intensive community services in the next 12-24 months? If so, when will this procured?</p>	<p>The CCHP contract expires on 31 March 2027. Re-procurement of this contract will take place before expiry of the existing contract.</p>

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 7 August 2024 and has been approved for release by Sarah Truelove, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.