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Dear

### Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Your request has been processed using the Trust's procedures for the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

#### **Requested information:**

We would like you to respond for children and young people within the specified age range that your service accepts (e.g., 6 - 18 years or 6 - 25 years).

To facilitate this, please use the attached Excel spreadsheet to provide the information.

Please also supply a copy of any service pathways and specifications you may have within your service for children and young people with tic disorders.

**Please see Appendix 1 attached.**

#### Questions

1. What is the specified age range that your service accepts?
  - 6 - 18 years
  - 6 - 25 years
  - Other (please state):
2. If a referral is made to your service for a child or young person with tics without a co-occurring mental health or neurodevelopmental condition, would you:
  - Accept the referral for assessment.
  - Ask for additional information before a referral decision is made.
  - Decline the referral signposting to other agencies / service.
- Please provide the name of the agency/service:
  - Decline the referral but refer to another service within your Trust.
- Please provide the name of the service
  - Decline the referral but make an out of area referral.
- Please provide the name of the service
  - Decline the referral with no further action.

3. How many referrals for tic disorders did your service receive from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, including those declined?
- Please give an exact number:

If your service does accept referrals for tics, please continue with the rest of this form.

4. Out of the referrals that you have received from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, how many referrals for tic disorders did your service accept?
- Please give an exact number:
5. Does your service:
- Conduct diagnostic assessments for tic disorders? (Yes/No) If you answer No, please still proceed to the next part of the question.
  - If yes, how many patients were seen for diagnostic assessments from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023? Please give an exact number:
    - Provide any interventions for families prior to giving a diagnosis? (Yes/No)
  - If yes, please provide details of the intervention and who provides this intervention.
    - Offer treatment for tics? (Yes/No)
  - If yes, how many patients in your service were prescribed medication to treat their tics from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023? Please give an exact number:
  - If yes, how many patients received behavioural therapy for their tics from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023? Please give an exact number:
  - If yes, how many patients received psychoeducation for their tics from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023? Please give an exact number:

**Please see Appendix 2 attached.**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review of the management of your request. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Dr Buki Adeyemo, Chief Executive, North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust, Trust Headquarters, Lawton House, Bellringer Road, Trentham, ST4 8HH. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely



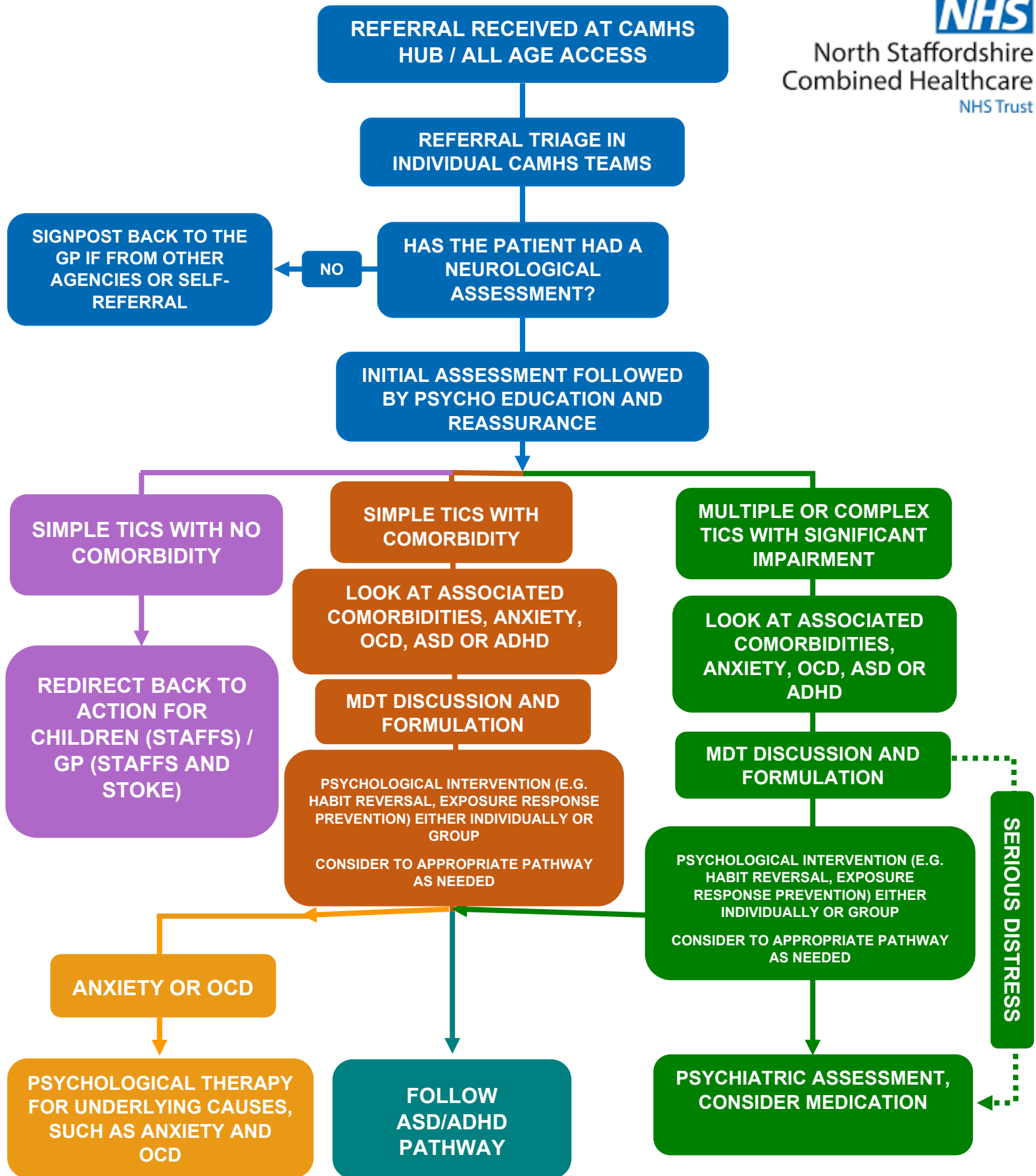
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Please respond to all questions for <b>each</b> of the service providers	1. What is the specified age range that your service accepts?			2. If a referral is made to your service for a child or young person with tics <b>without</b> a co-occurring mental health or neurodevelopmental condition, would you:					3. How many referrals for tic disorders did your service <b>receive</b> from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023, including those declined?	4. Out of the referrals that you have received from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023, how many referrals for tic disorders did your service <b>accept</b> ?	5. Does your service: Conduct diagnostic assessments for tic disorders? (Yes/No)	Provide any interventions for families prior to giving a diagnosis? (Yes/No)	Offer treatment for tics? (Yes/No)	If Yes, how many patients in your service were <b>prescribed medication</b> to treat their tics from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023? (Please give an exact number):	If Yes, how many patients received <b>behavioural therapy</b> for their tics from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023? (Please give an exact number):	If Yes, how many patients received <b>psychoeducation</b> for their tics from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023? (Please give an exact number):	<b>Please supply a copy of any service pathways and specifications you may have within your service for children and young people with tic disorders.</b>
	6 - 18 years	6 - 25 years	Other (please state):	Accept the referral for assessment	Ask for additional information before a referral decision is made	Decline the referral signposting to other agencies/services (please provide the name of the agency/service):	Decline the referral but refer to another service within your Trust (please provide the name of the service):	Decline the referral but make an out of area referral (please provide the name of the service):	Decline the referral with no further action	Please give an exact number:	Please give an exact number:	If Yes, how many patients were seen for <b>diagnostic assessments</b> from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023? (Please give an exact number):	If Yes, please provide details of the intervention and who provides this intervention:	yes	unknown	unknown	unknown
North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust	6-18 years			If there is a normal neurological assessment and there are no co-morbidities with the tics the patient will be referred back to the GP or Action for children (according to our local tic pathway)					At the current time due to there not being an appropriate national SNOMED code for TICS or Tourettes we are unable to pull exact numbers of referrals for this referral reason.		Unknown		Unknown	Patient and family are provided with information for habit reversal therapy in the first instance by one of our therapists / A Tic group has also been developed to offer a targets approach including psychoeducation and habit reversal practical techniques within the group. This is a pilot group and is yet to run.			