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Dear [REDACTED],

Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 43811 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding:-

Dual Diagnosis and Care

Your request is set out below:

1. What is the professional title held by your in-house clinical dual-diagnosis expert?

KMPT do not have an inhouse dual diagnosis expert. Within KMPT we have a medical lead, who collaborates with other agencies. Additionally, the Trust are also starting to allocate substance use champions to each service.

2. Please list your dual-diagnosis experts' relevant qualifications and experience

N/A

3. How many people are on their team?

N/A

4. Please list their professional titles and relevant qualifications

N/A

5. Is there a pharmacist who specialises in dual-diagnosis treatment, and who comprehends the consequent added complications of long-term substance misuse? If yes or no, please elaborate/

No, however KMPT have medical representatives who attend and collaborate with external partners, through joint meetings.

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Trust Chair – Dr Jackie Craissati
Chief Executive – Sheila Stenson

6. Please summarise the clinical treatment, care and recovery pathways, as well as your version of “expected legislated outcomes” for your dual diagnosis patients

All dual diagnosis patients access services in the same manner, and all KMPT clinicians are expected to apply the co-occurring condition protocol agreed by both KMPT and dual diagnosis services.

7. When you discharge patients, who takes care of them in the community? What is the resource on offer? In aftercare plans, who is the designated dual-diagnosis care and recovery stakeholder?

Upon discharge from mental health services, KMPT liaise with local services to consider ongoing support in relation to their substance use

8. Do you give dual-diagnosis patients access to long-term residential addiction treatment and recovery pathways? Are these pathways accessible upon the day of discharge from clinical treatment and care?

Referrals to long term residential addiction pathways would be via our substance use partners. The Trust does have a nine-bed inpatient detoxification service for people over the age of 18.

9. What does a safe discharge look like for a dual-diagnosis patient under the responsible care of your trust? If there is a logical, systematic plan in place, one that is regulated within a facility under your management, please do email it back to us, so that we might use it in the years of development ahead. If you are treating dual-diagnosis comprehensively, then you are ahead of the curve, please step forward alongside us.

KMPT are working towards the achievement of a comprehensive approach to treating dual diagnosis. The co-occurring protocol is aimed to bring organisations together in the first place and to develop practice that is safe and supportive to people with dual diagnosis.

I confirm that the information above completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

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Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of
The Information Governance Department