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Dear [REDACTED],

Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 40512 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding:-

NatPSA - 'Shortage of methylphenidate prolonged-release capsules and tablets, lisdexamfetamine capsules, and guanfacine prolonged-release tablets.'

Your request is set out below:

1. Did your Trust receive the above NatPSA? If so, on what date was it received?

Yes, on the 28/09/2023

2. Assuming that the answer to the first part of question 1 is yes, was the NatPSA forwarded to relevant specialist teams within your Trust? Which specialist teams was the NatPSA forwarded to?

Yes, it was forwarded to the Trust's Mental Health of Learning Disabilities Team

3. The NatPSA states that 'prescribers should not initiate new patients on products affected by this shortage until the supply issues resolve.' Have any new patients under your care who would ordinarily have been prescribed the affected products not been given prescriptions because of this required action? If so, how many?

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4. Where appropriate did specialist teams within your Trust 'identify all patients currently prescribed these products', as required by the NatPSA? If so, how many patients were identified and by what date was this action carried out?

N/A, the GP's are the issuing prescriber of ADHD medication in virtually all cases of patients open to the Trust.

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5. Where appropriate did specialist teams within your Trust 'make early contact with patients to establish how much supply they have remaining', as required by the NatPSA? If so, how many patients did you attempt to contact? How many patients were successfully contacted?

Yes, fewer than 5 patients.

6. Assuming that the answer to the first part of question 5 is 'yes', and that some patients were successfully contacted, how many patients were identified as having insufficient supplies to last until the re-supply date?

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7. The NatPSA states that healthcare professionals should 'contact patient's specialist team[s] for advice on management options'. Have any specialist teams within your Trust been contacted by other healthcare professionals seeking such advice? If so, what advice were specialist teams able to provide?

No

8. Have specialist teams within your Trust '[supported] primary care teams seeking advice for patients currently prescribed the affected products', as required by the NatPSA? If so, how?

No

9. Have specialist teams within your Trust provided individualised management plans, either to primary care teams or directly to patients? If so, how many?

No

10. Have specialist teams within your Trust recommended alternative products in line with NICE guidance, where appropriate? If so, how many such recommendations have been made?

No

11. What policy, if any, exists within your Trust for ensuring compliance with National Patient Safety Alerts? If such a policy exists, please provide a copy of it.

Please find copy of the policy attached.

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.

If you have any questions or concerns or are unhappy with the response provided or the service you have received you can write to the Head of Information Governance at the address on top of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of
The Information Governance Department