

Freedom of Information Act 2000 disclosure log entry

Reference

17-18172

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17/10/2017

Subject

Kent and Medway FDAC Accountability

Details of enquiry

1.I have a particular interest in NHS accountability, management, and value for money. From what I can work out, in respect of the FDAC there is no information available to show that satisfactory arrangements are in place. That troubles me and I want to probe what is going on.
2. I seek an explanation of your system of managing FDAC
3. it seems to me that it would be better to get whoever heads up the FDAC system to write to me with an explanation of the set-up.
4.That when one clicks on the persons named as your national implementation team [like Steve Bambrough] you get directed to an organisation general page rather than anything relating to the person, such as their contact details.

Response Sent

1. Enquiries/Concerns 1 to 3 above

Much of the information you have requested is already publicly available. I can help here by directing you to relevant links for the website pages which hold this data.

1. The FDAC website explains how FDAC is run: <http://fdac.org.uk/how-the-national-unit-operate/> . I do realise that this may however be the website which you mention that you have already visited, but it may be worth a further visit to click on the links in the fuchsia coloured boxes along the top of the page, and down the left hand side.
2. A landing page on the Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust website explains the clinical services provided within the family drug and alcohol court: <https://tavistockandportman.nhs.uk/care-and-treatment/our-clinical-services/family-drug-and-alcohol-court/>
3. Whilst you were previously advised by my colleague on 31st August, to visit <http://fdac.org.uk/evidence-for-the-model/> , I can advise that this particular landing page on the FDAC website provides access to sections on:
 - a) Better value for money and Value for money of FDAC
 - b) Access to the executive summary
 - c) The full report on Better Courts: the financial impact of the London family Drug and Alcohol Court, which includes a detailed section on The Value for Money of FDAC – a specific subject which you have enquired about.
 - d) Our published research on FDAC,

- e) the FDAC brochure:
4. Your local FDAC service is commissioned by Kent and Medway Council. Their lead commissioner is Mark Gilbert, mark.gilbert@kent.gov.uk. FDAC Kent and Medway provide regular performance and financial reporting to the council's commissioners which show that their criteria are regularly met.

2. Enquiry/Concern 4 above

The contact details for Steve Bambrough are sbambrough@tavi-port.nhs.uk

3. Enquiry/Concern 5 above

1. The submission of a Freedom of Information request is the correct way to request information of a corporate and non-personal nature. Anyone can make these requests of any public organisation, subject to certain limitations as laid down by the FOI Act 2000. Any or all FOI enquiries can be freely published on the web, by choice.
2. We accept that your enquiry should have been forwarded internally to foi@tavi-port.nhs.uk mailbox, rather than asking you to resend this yourself. We apologise for the inconvenience incurred as a result, and would like to assure you that we have put in place actions to ensure that in future our staff are more informed as to how to handle such requests. We thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.
3. Public organisations, such as this Trust, are obliged to provide written responses to written FOI questions within 20 working days.
4. Please be aware that under the FOI Act 2000, information that is already publicly accessible is exempt, under Section 21. This means that such information does not need to be supplied, provided that the receiving organisation is helpful in pointing the correspondent to its location.