

Freedom of Information Act 2000 disclosure log entry

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Subject

Healthcare Provision for People on Probation

Details of enquiry

1. What health services does the Trust provide specifically for probation service clients (those seen by the National Probation Service, Community Rehabilitation Companies, or housed in probation Approved Premises) for:
 - A) Substance misuse (drugs, alcohol and dual diagnosis)
 - B) Mental health

Please describe each service (e.g. 'a one-off clinic in a probation office', offender personality disorder pathway work, or liaison and diversion work), and give grade and hours of work for staff at the service

2. Does the Mental Health Trust facilitate access to mainstream (non-offender-specific) healthcare for probation service clients in any way (e.g. directly making probation staff aware of the services that it provides and referral procedures)? If so, please could you describe how you do this?

Response Sent

Since 2013, the Portman Clinic has been leading the national implementation and development of MBT services across 14 sites in England and Wales for men with antisocial personality disorder under the supervision of the National Probation Service, as part of the Offender Personality Disorder Pathway.

This involves 6 sessions with a Consultant psychiatrist as Lead for implementation, and a full time 8 A project co-ordinator. In addition, 2.5 sessions of a consultant psychiatrist who is seconded to work as an MBT therapist in one of the London sites.

The Portman Clinic accepts direct referrals for probation service clients for assessment for individual or group therapy. These referrals can come from probation officers, GPs, other mental health professionals and the client themselves.

The Portman Clinic provides information on its services within the Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust, along with a leaflet explaining the referral procedure and information about the service, which you can see on our website at: <https://tavistockandportman.nhs.uk/care-and-treatment/our-clinical-services/portman-clinic/> . You may also be interested to note that this service is also promoted within the NPS via posters in LDU offices.