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Dear Ms Brennan,

ADHD and Autism Pilot Pathway

I am writing to you further to my acknowledgement on 20 October 2023.

The ICB is grateful to you and your clients for confirming they are willing to meet with the ICB team. Please could I ask that the relevant individual make contact directly with Rachael Durrett who will co-ordinate the availability of those from your client and the ICB staff to ensure that a meeting is arranged quickly. Rachael is committed to arranging the meeting as a matter of urgency. Rachael's contact details are:-

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I understand that these responses are often published online and whilst I don't seek to prevent your Client's from publishing a copy of this letter publicly I would be grateful if Rachael's mobile telephone number could be redacted before publication?

Coproduction

I think it is important that the ICB is clear with your clients what is meant by the ICB when it talks about coproduction. The ICB views coproduction as a means of developing a specification which can only be viewed as being coproduced when it is agreed by all those involved in the production of it. Plainly this is not always possible and is not possible where the ICB is solely responsible for the commissioning of services.

The ICB endeavours to operate under the principles of coproduction to ensure that the voices of people with lived experience are reflected in the design and delivery of its services. The offer to meet with YDRF

is intended to ask for the benefit of service users' feedback and experience to inform both the pilot and the long terms options for delivering services for those needing assessment for ADHD and Autism. I hope that provides some clarity to your clients and reassures them that there is benefit to meeting with the ICB.

Consultation

The ICB understands it has a statutory duty to involve the population in the development of services which it is developing. Again, to add clarity, the ICB does not intend to launch a full scale consultation in respect of the Do-It-Profiler. The ICB does not regard the pilot as a service change which would require full scale consultation and therefore consultation in line with the Gunning principles.

The service provision for ADHD and autism assessment remains as it was before the pilot commenced. A referral is sent to the ICB's contracted provider who undertakes clinical triage to determine if the individual referred is eligible for an assessment for ADHD or autism following that referral. The ICB was however aware of a significant increase in the activity levels and as a result a lengthening waiting list of individuals who needed to be seen. The means by which the waiting list was managed previously did not offer support or advice to those on the waiting list and both the ICB and the provider were therefore concerned that individuals who may need to be prioritised on the waiting list were not consistently being prioritised. The ICB and the provider identified the Do-It-Profiler as a tool which could support those on the waiting list with strategies whilst they wait. The intention has not been that those who use the tool be removed from the waiting list however some may choose not to remain on the waiting list once they have completed the tool.

This does not amount to a change of commissioned service as the offer to patients remains the same. This is simply a step to try to add some support to those who are waiting. Interestingly the ICB has recently had some feedback from patients using the service through questionnaires and almost 2000 individuals responded to that questionnaire. Of those responses, 86% stated that the Do-It-Profiler as a tool reported the guidance received in their report was either OK (44%), Useful (26%) or Very Useful (16%). 9% said that it was not very useful and 5% stated that it was not very useful at all.

Equality Impact Assessment

The ICB has completed an Integrated Impact Assessment which includes an Equality Impact Assessment and many other types of assessment. This is continually updated as information is provided to the ICB throughout the pilot. The most recent version will be available on the website on Monday 13 November 2023, and I will send this to you separately on email. It is an excel document and the ICB accepts that it is not particularly user friendly and is therefore working on the next version of the tool which will include a more accessible summary section which highlights the key issues from each section in a way which is easier to navigate. I had hoped that this would be available before this version needed to be uploaded on the website however unfortunately I am informed that it will not be.

Engagement Plan

The autumn 2023 Engagement Plan is published on our website at <https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/adult-adhd-and-autism-assessment/>. This may be subject to change as engagement progresses and will be updated on the website if that is the case.

Website

The website address is <https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/adult-adhd-and-autism-assessment/>

Evidence of current ICB position as opposed to other NHS Authorities

NHS Humber and North Yorkshire ICB have held discussions with neighbouring ICBs to understand their position. This included NHS West Yorkshire ICB as well as the Places within our own ICB (Hull, East Riding, North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire). The ICB has also subsequently asked for some work to be undertaken by the Mental Health Provider Collaborative to gather more comprehensive data

which should be available by the end of November 2023 and this can be supplied to you and also put onto the website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Combes', written in a cursive style.

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