

## Response to Request for Information

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### ***Childhood Bladder and Bowel Problems***

#### **Request:**

1. Does your local authority provide a dedicated continence clinic? - **No**  
***If you answered no, please go to question 5.***
2. Which of the following is covered by the dedicated continence clinic:
  - a. Bedwetting
  - b. Daytime wetting
  - c. Toilet training
  - d. Constipation/soiling
  - e. Product supply for paediatric continence problems
3. How many hours a week does the clinic run?
4. Is the amount of time dedicated to service provision in this clinic:
  - a. Determined by the number of children and young people (from birth to 18 years) visiting each week? Yes / No
  - b. Regulated in another manner? Please explain.
5. Is continence a listed responsibility provided by your local authority area for any of the following professions:
  - a. School nurses - **No**
  - b. Health visitors - **No**
  - c. Other healthcare professionals - **No**. If yes, please specify who.
6. If you answered yes to any of the professions listed in question 5 could you please tell us:
  - a. How many children and young people with continence problems do each of these professionals have responsibility for?
  - b. How many children and young people are on the waiting list for this service, and how long has the person currently at the top of the list had to wait?
7. If you answered no to any of the professions listed in question 5, was there a decision taken to remove continence from the listed responsibilities of any of these professionals and, if so, when did this happen?  
**The school nurse enuresis clinic was part of legacy arrangements that existed prior to the commissioning responsibility transferring from the NHS to the Council in 2013. The clinic arrangement was never specified but part of a range of**

healthcare options that school nurses offered to support families. The City of Wolverhampton Council tendered school nursing and health visiting services this year into a combined Healthy Child offer. This was not within the specification and enuresis clinic provision provided by school nurses will cease as of 30 November 2017. School nurses will continue to offer continence advice and support and toileting would be part of the school readiness offer along with any other health concerns the family have. Children with underlying medical reasons for this condition will still be able to be referred to community paediatrics and the advance nurse practitioners. This falls under the remit of the CCG.

8. Do you have any future plans to:
- commission new paediatric continence provision? Yes / No
  - review the existing paediatric continence provision? Yes / No

In respect of your above questions, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as these are CCG commissioned services. Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

Please see link provided below which may be of help to you.  
<https://wolverhamptonccg.nhs.uk/>

If so, please provide details.

9. Are you aware of the [NICE-accredited Paediatric Continence Commissioning Guide](#)?
- If so, do the services commissioned in your LA use it?  
N/A