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Community and Voluntary Programmes for Domestic Violence Perpetrators

FOI/29867 states "Services within Woodstock Lodge do not provide such programmes, however staff are aware of support services provided by Community and Voluntary sector and will signpost to these organisations where appropriate."

Please list exactly the total list of all support services supposedly provided by Community and Voluntary sector to which your response/answer to FOI/29867 refers/alludes to. In other words, please list exactly the total list of all support services *relevant to FOI/29867* supposedly provided by Community and Voluntary sector to which your response/answer to FOI/29867 refers/alludes to?

This information is not held as many of the classes/ supports change frequently due to commissioning arrangements the staff member would link with community and voluntary organisations to ascertain services available at that time specific to the needs and presenting factors. Occasionally the trust would be contacted by the organisations and advised that courses/ programmes are running. There is no central record of these but an example would be 'keeping your cool programme for dads' ran by parenting.ni

When exactly (i.e. under what circumstances exactly) do the staff referred/alluded to on your response/answer to FOI/29867 signpost to organisations (i.e. support services supposedly provided by Community and Voluntary sector) referred to/alluded to on your response/answer to FOI/29867?

In other words, under what circumstances exactly do the staff referred/alluded to on your response/answer to FOI/29867 signpost to organisations (i.e. support services *relevant to FOI/29867* supposedly provided by Community and Voluntary sector) referred to/alluded to on your response/answer to FOI/29867?

During interactions with Service users and their families, staff may have assessed that the service user/family member would be appropriate to signpost to a relevant programme. This would be decided on a case by case basis and would take into consideration the referral criteria or suggested audience of the programme.

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How exactly do the staff referred/alluded to on your response/answer to FOI/29867 signpost to organisations (i.e. support services *relevant to FOI/29867* supposedly provided by Community and Voluntary sector) referred to/alluded to on your response/answer to FOI/29867?

The staff member would usually share the contact number or website detail with the service user/ staff member. It depends on the referral system of the specific organisation. Staff members would know to adhere to any guidance outlined on the organisation website.

Please define the exact meaning of "where appropriate" as in your response/answer to FOI/29867.

In other words, where is it appropriate (i.e. under what circumstances is it appropriate) for the staff referred to/alluded to on your response/answer to FOI/29867 to signpost to organisations (i.e. support services *relevant to FOI/29867* supposedly provided by Community and Voluntary sector) referred to/alluded to on your response/answer to FOI/29867?

Appropriateness would be decided on a case by case basis based on information provided by service user/ staff member and the self-referral criteria for the programme.

When and how exactly does the following occur: "however staff are aware of support services provided by Community and Voluntary sector and will signpost to these organisations where appropriate"?

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