

**FOI Request: Accredited Voluntary Register (AVR)**

**Our Reference Number: 1314408**

- 1) *Whether or not your organisation has a policy governing the commissioning of cocounseling or psychotherapy provided by individuals who are not members of professional bodies which are part of the Accredited Voluntary Register (AVR).***

Commissioning is done on the basis that the provider meets recognised staff qualifications and accreditation.

- 2) *How many people have been referred to counselling or psychotherapy services from providers who are not members of bodies on the AVR.***

Referrals to services follow various routes including self-referrals, primary care and secondary care referrals by health and social care professionals, other professionals like the police, third sector organisations, carers and families. We do not have any specific data on AVR related bodies.

- 3) *How many providers you have commissioned counselling or psychotherapy services from without assurance that the providers are on the AVR.***

Our commissioned provider is not on AVR but all staff are accredited and have the required qualifications to deliver the services.

- 4) *Whether you have a stated policy on the commissioning of conversion or “reparative” therapy and LGBT-friendly treatment more generally.***

We do not have this specific policy and all commissioning is done on an all-inclusive basis and the provider is monitored to ensure they meet the Equalities requirements.