5 November 2018

Re: Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your email, dated 5 November 2018, making a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for access to information which may be held by NHS Greater Preston Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

Please find detailed below NHS Greater Preston CCG’s response to your request, which is formatted as follows:

1. Details of NHS Greater Preston CCG’s decision in regard to the information requested.
2. A schedule of all the records covered by your request.
3. A statement concerning copyright and re-use of public sector information.
4. Details of how you can appeal this decision should you wish to do so.

This letter addresses each of these parts in turn:

1. Decision

   I can confirm that NHS Greater Preston CCG holds part of the information requested.

2. Schedule of records/FOI response

   **Request:** Please supply a copy of the CCG’s latest IT/IM&T/Digital Strategy?

   **Response:** The CCG does not have its own digital strategy, however, across Lancashire and South Cumbria we share a single digital strategy which can be found at: [https://www.healthierlsc.co.uk/application/files/6115/2837/9879/Our_Digital_Future_-_Healthier_Lancashire_and_South_Cumbria.pdf](https://www.healthierlsc.co.uk/application/files/6115/2837/9879/Our_Digital_Future_-_Healthier_Lancashire_and_South_Cumbria.pdf). Additionally, a Lancashire-wide strategy is currently being developed by NHS England. You may wish to contact NHS England directly for this information and you can do so by email at: england.contactus@nhs.net (writing freedom of information request in the subject bar).

   **Request:** Does the CCG work within a shared services agreement with surrounding Trusts or CCGs?

   **Response:** Yes, the CCG works within a shared services agreement with surrounding Trusts or CCGs.
Response: The CCG has a shared service agreement with NHS Chorley and South Ribble CCG.

Request: Does the CCG outsource any of their IT Infrastructure services?

Response: Yes. The CCG commissions NHS Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit to provide its IT services.

Request: Who is the CCG’s current Chief Clinical Information Officer?

Response: The CCG does not have a Chief Clinical Information Officer.

Request: Who is the CCG’s current CIO/IT Director?

Response: The CCG does not have an IT Director.

Request: Which member of the board is responsible for IT?

Response: Matt Gaunt, the Chief Finance and Contracting Officer.

Request: Please provide an organisation chart for your IM&T department?

Response: Not applicable. You may wish to redirect this request to NHS Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit at the email address on the previous page.

Request: Which member of the CCG is the SRO for the STP engagements?

Response: The CCG’s Chief Officer, Denis Gizzi, leads on Integrated Care System (formerly known as Sustainability and Transformation Partnership) engagement.

Request: What proportion of the CCG IM&T Department is made up of interim staff and permanent staff?

Response: Not applicable. The CCG does not have an IM&T department.

Request: Is the CCG looking to migrate to the cloud in the next 2 years?

Response: The CCG has no current intentions to migrate to the cloud.

Request: Are the Trust considering their options of outsourcing their IT Services in the next 3 years?

Response: Not applicable, as the CCG already outsources its IT services.

3. Copy and reuse of public sector information provided in FOI response
Most of the information provided by NHS Greater Preston CCG in response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 requests will be subject to copyright protection. In the majority of cases the information will be owned by NHS Greater Preston CCG. The copyright for other information may be owned by another person or organisation, as indicated in the information itself: in this case you must apply to the copyright owner to obtain their permission.

You are free to use any information supplied for your own use, including for non-commercial research purposes. It may also be used for the purposes of news reporting. However, any other type of re-use, for example, by publishing the information or issuing copies to the public will require the permission of the copyright owner.

4. Right of appeal to FOI response

If you are dissatisfied with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you are entitled to complain in the following way:

Initially you should complain in writing to the freedom of information officer, either by email on gpccg.foi@nhs.net or post to Chorley House, Lancashire Business Park, Leyland, PR26 6TT, specifying why you feel you have been wrongly denied access to the information requested. The freedom of information officer will ensure your complaint is investigated under NHS Greater Preston CCG’s internal processes and provide you with a written response within 20 working days.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by NHS Greater Preston CCG.

Yours sincerely

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