4 December 2018

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

Thank you for your email, dated 27 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 tell me if the CCG is responsible for commissioning out-of-hours services within the area?

If yes, approximately what is the size of the population covered?

Response: The CCG commissions an out of hours service for a registered population of approximately 213,000 patients in the Greater Preston area.

Request: Please tell me how many GPs are on duty on a typical weekday night shift (eg Wednesday 5th/Thurs 6th December) between the hours of 6.30pm and 8am?

Please tell me how many GPs are on duty on a typical weekend day shift (eg Saturday 8th December) between the hours of 8am and 6.30pm?
Please tell me how many GPs are on duty on a typical weekend night shift (eg Saturday 8th/Sunday 9th December) between the hours of 6.30pm and 8am?

Please tell me how many nurses or nurse practitioners are on duty on a typical weekday night shift (eg Wednesday 5th/Thurs 6th December) between the hours of 6.30pm and 8am?

Please tell me how many nurses or nurse practitioners are on duty on a typical weekend day shift (eg Saturday 8th December) between the hours of 8am and 6.30pm?

Please tell me how many nurses or nurse practitioners are on duty on a typical weekend night shift (eg Saturday 8th/Sunday 9th December) between the hours of 6.30pm and 8am?

Response: The CCG does not hold this level of information as the out of hour’s service is provided as part of an integrated urgent care service. You may wish to request the information from the provider of this service.

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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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