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

Thank you for your email, dated 20 December 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: Do you have a list of procedures of limited clinical value?-

Response: Yes.

Request: If yes, does this currently include either a) a multidisciplinary Tier 3 or b) a Tier 4 weight management service?

Response: No.

Request: When were each of these added to the list of procedures of limited clinical value?

Response: Not applicable.
Request: How many a) multidisciplinary Tier 3 and b) Tier 4 weight management services have you decommissioned in each of the past 5 calendar years?
- Please provide details of these.

Response: The CCG has not decommissioned any Tier 3 and Tier 4 weight management services. *It should be noted that the CCG only took over responsibility for commissioning Tier 3 and 4 bariatric services, from NHS England, in April 2017. For information prior to April 2017 you may wish to direct your request to NHS England, which can be contacted by email at: england.contactus@nhs.net (writing ‘Freedom of Information request’ in the subject line).

Request: Please list all the a) multidisciplinary Tier 3 and b) Tier 4 obesity services that you have commissioned in the past calendar 5 years.-

Response: *None. The CCG is currently working with other Lancashire CCG's to procure pan-Lancashire Tier 3 and Tier 4 bariatric services.

Request: How many patients have received either a) a multidisciplinary Tier 3 or b) a Tier 4 weight management service in each of the past 5 calendar years in your CCG area?

Response: *Please see above information prior to April 2017.

a) Due to the way in which the data is recorded we are unable to provide information relating to Tier 3 services.

b) Tier 4

2017/18: 15.

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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