5 February 2019

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

Thank you for your email, dated 4 February 2019, 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 the information requested.

2. Schedule of records/FOI response

Request:

Part A of the request refers to the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) Guidelines called “Endometriosis: Diagnosis and Management” – NICE Guideline NG73. A link to which can be found here: https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/NG73

1. Since the “Endometriosis: Diagnosis and Management Guidelines” [NICE Guideline NG73] was published, has the CCG discussed in one or more meeting how to comply with them? Yes/No
2. If yes, please provide the minutes of the meetings where they were discussed.
3. Has a gap analysis been undertaken by the CCG to identify where the “Endometriosis: Diagnosis and Management Guidelines” [NICE Guideline NG73] is not being met? Yes/No
4. If yes, please provide a copy
5. Please supply any other information in relation to how your CCG is complying with the “Endometriosis: Diagnosis and Management Guidelines” [NICE Guideline NG73] that may be relevant.

**Part B** of the request refers to the ‘Quality Standards on Endometriosis’ [Quality Standard QS172] published in August 2018. A link to which can be found here: https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/QS172

1. Since the “Quality Standards on Endometriosis” [Quality Standard QS172] was published in August 2018, has the CCG discussed in one or more meetings how to comply with them? Yes/No
2. If yes, please provide the minutes of the meeting where they were discussed.
3. Has the CCG undertaken an initial assessment of service compared with the quality statements in the “Quality Standards on Endometriosis [Quality Standard QS172]”? Yes/No
4. If yes, please provide a copy.

**Response:** The CCG does not have a clinical policy in place regarding the treatment of endometriosis, therefore, the diagnosis and management of patients with endometriosis would be the responsibility of the provider.

Additionally, the provider is required to comply with all NICE guidelines and would be expected to monitor the service in line with the relevant quality standards.

Our main gynaecology service provider is Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, which can be contacted by email at: freedomofinformation@lthtr.nhs.uk.

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
e-mail 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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