15 February 2019

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

Thank you for your email, dated 11 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 part of the information requested.

2. Schedule of records/FOI response

   Request: The number of times in each of the last five years (2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014) that NHS Chorley and South Ribble CCG has been unable to staff out-of-hours GP services.
   As part of this, could you also provide:
   a. The amount of time (in minutes) where out-of-hours GP services have not been staffed as mentioned above.

   Response: The CCG does not hold this level of information. It is suggested that this would need to be requested from the provider of the GP out of hours service.

   It should also be noted that the CCG commissions services from providers and is not responsible for providing the staff within these services.
Since November 2016 the out of hours service has been provided, as part of an integrated urgent care service, by gtd healthcare. You can contact the provider by post at:

Gtd healthcare
New Century House
Progress Way
Off Windmill Lane
Denton
Manchester
M34 2GP

Prior to November 2016 the service was provided by Preston Primary Care Ltd, which can be contacted by post at:

Preston Primary Care Ltd, C/O Ribbleton Medical Centre, 243 Ribbleton Avenue, Preston, PR2 6RD.

Request: Which hospital or NHS service the out-of-hours GP service covered.

Response: The out of hours GP service has been based at Royal Preston Hospital, Sharoe Green Lane, Preston, PR2 9HZ since 2014.

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

[Signature]

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