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

Thank you for your email, dated 15 March 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: What services do you commission, either solely or in conjunction with neighbouring CCGs, for people living with acquired brain injury whom have:
(a) Been discharged from an acute setting
(b)Been identified by primary care practitioners as requiring referral for rehabilitation and/or other services

Response: The CCG commissions a community rehabilitation service and a community stroke and neurological rehabilitation service. Both these services offer assessment and treatment in a variety of specialities including physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy.

Request: Have the services you commission changed in the last 12 months? If yes, in what way?
Response: No.

Request: Are there any plans to change the services you commission during the next 12 months? If yes, what are the changes?

Response: All commissioning intentions can be found within the CCG’s Operating Plan (Integrated Business Plan) for 2019/20, which will be published on the CCG website in May.

Request: Do you have a neurological lead and/or an acquired brain injury lead? If so, please provide details.

Response: The CCG’s elective care lead, who is responsible for the commissioning of neurology services, is Steve Flynn, who can be contacted on 01772 214 232.

It should be noted that neurology pathways and services are commissioned collaboratively with NHS England Specialised Commissioning, and the CCG is only responsible for elements of these services. The CCG predominantly leads on neurology pathways.

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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