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Reply sent by email to Ria Bernard at: Ria.Bernard@stammeringchildren.org

Dear Ria

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

Thank you for your email, dated 25 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 part of the information requested.

2. Schedule of records/FOI response

   **Request**: Does your CCG commission a specialist service for children who stammer? This includes information about the NHS Trust / Local Authority commissioned to provide the Speech & Language Therapy service and whether there are specialist services available specifically to children who stammer, e.g. dysfluency pathways and/or specialist Speech & Language Therapists.

   **Response**: The CCG does not commission a specialist service for children who stammer. This may be included as part of the Speech and Language service provided via the Community Integrated Therapy and Nursing Service (CITNS). You may wish to direct your request to the providers directly for this information.
The CITNS team is provided by Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, which can be contacted by email at: Freedom.OfInformationRequests@lancashirecare.nhs.uk.

Request: What age range does the service cover?

Response: The service covers children from birth to 18 years old, although under exceptional circumstances those aged 19 years may also be seen by the service.

Request: What geographical population does this cover?

Response: The service is commissioned for patients registered with GPs in the Greater Preston area.

Request: Does the service have any other specified exclusion criteria?

Number of referrals made to the service for children suspected of presenting with a stammer over the last year (January 2018 - January 2019)
Number of children seen as part of the dysfluency service in the last year (January 2018 - January 2019)

Response: We do not hold this information. It is suggested that your request is redirected to the provider as detailed above.

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 gpcqc.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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