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

Thank you for your email, dated 24 April 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: Have you applied for Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) GP Online Consultation System Fund?

Response: These monies have been allocated to CCGs on an Integrated Care System (ICS) level.

Request: How are you spending that money?
- Project name
- Purpose of project
- Time frame for start and completion

Are you using one supplier, or multiple?
- Name of supplier/s
- Contract end date
Response: This information is available on the CCG’s website at: https://www.greaterprestonccg.nhs.uk/download.cfm?doc=docm93iijm4n6613.pdf&ver=12733

Request: Is there opportunity for additional suppliers?

Do you know if there is additional funding after 2020?

Response: This information would need to be requested from the ICS.

Request: Who is responsible within your CCG for managing this fund at the CCG? (name and job title)


Request: Please could you provide a copy of your CCG’s Transformation Plan

Response: Response: All the CCG’s plans and publications can be viewed on our website at: https://www.greaterprestonccg.nhs.uk/plans-publications-and-policies. Additionally there are some documents available in the Our Health Our Care joint committee papers at: https://www.greaterprestonccg.nhs.uk/our-health-our-care-joint-committee-archived-papers.

Request: How many Urgent Treatment Centres (UTCs) does the CCG use?
Name of Urgent Treatment Centres (UTCs) you use

Response: The CCG commissions two integrated urgent care centre, which are based at Royal Preston Hospital and Chorley Hospital and are provided by gtd Healthcare Ltd. The costs of these services are shared with NHS Chorley and South Ribble CCG.

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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