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

Thank you for your email, dated 9 May 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: How many Nursing and Residential Care Homes do you have across your CCG area?
What is the total number of beds within these Homes?

Response: The CCG does not hold this information. You may be able to find this information on the Care Quality Commission website at: https://www.cqc.org.uk/what-we-do/services-we-regulate/find-care-home.

Request: How many Non-Elective Admissions (NEL’s) were there from the Nursing and Residential Care Homes in 2017/2018 – 2018/2019?
How many of these NEL’s were related to falls?

Response: We do not hold this information. It is suggested that you contact our main acute provider, Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, for this information. You can contact them at: freedomofinformation@lthtr.nhs.uk.
Request: What are your local contracting arrangements with your Acute Hospitals, for Non-Elective Admissions for Care Home residents, i.e. block contract, or payment by results PBR?

Response: The CCG does not have a contract relating to non-elective admissions specifically for care home residents.

Request: What is your local per event cost for a Non-Elective Admission for a Care Home resident?

Request: What is the average length of stay in hospital for a Care Home resident in your area?

Response: The CCG does not hold this information. It may be available from the provider as above*.

Request: What is the name of the person within the CCG, who is responsible for commissioning new services into Nursing and Residential Care Homes?
What is the name of the person within the CCG, who is responsible for Urgent Care Commissioning?
What is the name of the person within the CCG, who is responsible for Primary Care Commissioning?
What is the name of the person within the CCG, who is responsible for Care Home Transformation Initiatives?

Response: The Director of Transformation and Delivery, Jayne Mellor, is responsible for all of the above.

Request: Who is the Director of Finance within your local Integrated Care System (ICS)?

Response: Gary Raphael.

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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