7 June 2019

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

Thank you for your email, dated 2 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: Please provide the name, job title, email address and telephone number of the commissioner with responsibility for neuro-rehabilitation placements (if more than one person is responsible, please provide the details of all responsible for making the placements).

Response: Jane Brennan, Chief Nurse, email at: sandra.cameron2@nhs.net Tel: 01772 214232.

Request: Please provide (a.) the total number of adults (aged 18 and over) funded by the CCG for post-acute neuro-rehabilitation, and (b.) the total expenditure on those adults: (Please provide the total number of adults funded throughout the year, Not a snapshot at a certain time. Please provide figures for the past five financial years and budgeted figures for the current financial year (2019/20))
3. Of the total number of adults funded by the CCG for post-acute neuro-rehabilitation (question 2a), please provide the number of adults who are funded for each of the following types of placement: (Please provide the total number of adults funded throughout the year, Not a snapshot at a certain time. Please provide figures for the past five financial years and budgeted figures for the current financial year (2019/20))
   a. Independent specialist neuro-rehabilitation care home placements (non-hospital)
   b. Independent specialist neuro-rehabilitation hospital placements (post-acute treatment)
   c. Independent specialist neuro-rehabilitation community placements (by community placements, I mean where the services funded are delivered in a person's own home)

4. Please provide the gross total expenditure on the adults funded by the CCG in the following placements (as detailed in question 3): (please provide figures for the past five financial years and budgeted figures for the current financial year (2019/20))
   a. Independent specialist neuro-rehabilitation care home placements (non-hospital)
   b. Independent specialist neuro-rehabilitation hospital placements (post-acute treatment)
   c. Independent specialist neuro-rehabilitation community placements (by community placements, I mean where the services funded are delivered in a person's own home)

5. Please provide a list of the independent providers with whom placements are made for in each of the following placement type: (please provide a list of providers used during 2018/19)
   a. Independent specialist neuro-rehabilitation care home placements (non-hospital)
   b. Independent specialist neuro-rehabilitation hospital placements (post-acute treatment)
   c. Independent specialist neuro-rehabilitation community placements (by community placements, I mean where the services funded are delivered in a person's own home)

6. Please provide the current average weekly expenditure per individual for adults funded by the CCG in the following placements:
   a. Independent specialist neuro-rehabilitation care home placements (non-hospital)
   b. Independent specialist neuro-rehabilitation hospital placements (post-acute treatment)
   c. Independent specialist neuro-rehabilitation community placements (by community placements, I mean where the services funded are delivered in a person's own home)

7. Please provide the total number of adults funded by the CCG for post-acute neuro-rehabilitation who are funded for each of the following types of placements as a snapshot as at 31 March of each year: (Please provide figures at 31 March for the past five financial years and budgeted figures for the current financial year (2019/20))
   a. Independent specialist neuro-rehabilitation care home placements (non-hospital)
   b. Independent specialist neuro-rehabilitation hospital placements (post-acute treatment)
   c. Independent specialist neuro-rehabilitation community placements (by community placements, I mean where the services funded are delivered in a person's own home)
8. Of the total number of adults funded by the CCG for independent specialist neuro-rehabilitation care home placements (non-hospital) at 31 March of each year (question 7a.) please provide the number who are receiving treatment in each of the following locations: (Please provide figures as a snapshot as at 31 March of each year. Please provide figures for the past five financial years and budgeted figures for the current financial year (2019/20))

a. Independent specialist neuro-rehabilitation care homes
b. Other independent services (eg elderly nursing homes, care homes for adults with disabilities etc)

Response: The CCG commissions NHS Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit (CSU) to provide individual patient activity data. The CSU have advised that, having conducted an initial review and analysis as to the coding structure and level of detail that they possess in their patient database, they feel that the identification of the specific cohort as defined within the FOI request, does not correspond to, or allow with any degree of sufficient accuracy and robustness for a response to be provided to the above requests.

3. Copy and reuse of public sector information provided in FOI response

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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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