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

Thank you for your email, dated 20 June 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: In each year since 2010, what was the total expenditure for private sector Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)?

Please note that we can only provide data back to April 2013 when the CCGs commissioned the activity. For information prior to our legal existence, for example, pre-1 April 2013, it should be requested from the Department of Health instead. Email requests should be sent to Reviews&InformationTeam@dh.gsi.gov.uk, writing “Freedom of Information” in the subject line.

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Request: In each year since 2010, what was the total expenditure on mental health services as a whole?

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Request: In each of the last 5 years, what was the total expenditure of private health care?

Response: Information relating to the CCG’s total spends on non-NHS providers can be found in the CCG’s annual reports, which can be found at: https://www.greaterprestonccg.nhs.uk/plans-publications-and-policies.

Request: Could the CCG outline its future plans to outsource care currently given by medical professionals and care providers to private healthcare businesses?

Response: The CCG has no current plans to outsource care currently given by medical professionals and care providers to private healthcare businesses. The CCG, and its key partner organisations of Central Lancashire Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) and Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care System (ICS), will always ensure due regard and consideration to its statutory duties and Standing Financial Instructions (SFIs) is given when redesigning and / or procuring services. Any opportunities will be published on relevant websites as required.

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

Helen Curtis
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