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

Thank you for your email dated 13 July 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: How many people does your organisation employ?
   What is the total annual expenditure budget of your organisation?

   Response: This information is available in the CCG’s annual report which can be found on our website at: https://www.greaterprestonccg.nhs.uk/plans-publications-and-policies.

   It should be noted that the CCG staff are shared with NHS Chorley and South Ribble CCG.

   Request: How many full-time employment staff does your organisation employ dedicated to counter fraud activities?

   If you employ such staff, how many full-time employment staff are directly employed by your organisation?
If any of your counter fraud staff are supplied by another organisation, could you identify the name of the organisation(s) which supplies them?

**Response**: The CCG does not employ any staff whose role is dedicated to counter fraud. The CCG counter fraud contract is with Mersey Internal Audit Agency.

**Request**: Approximately how much did you spend on counter fraud activities in the last reporting year?

**Response**: The total cost of counter fraud activities including the £1000 fee for the national fraud initiative, paid to the Cabinet Office, was £6,950.00.

**Request**: How many referrals for fraud investigation has your counter fraud team received in the last reporting year?

How many fraud cases has your counter fraud team successfully investigated? I.e Leading to sanction and/or recovery of monies in the last reporting year.

**Response**: There were no referrals received last year and therefore no sanctions or redress applied.

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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