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

Thank you for your email, dated 30 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 part of the information requested.

2. Schedule of records/FOI response

   Please provide the following information in electronic format for the last financial year (1st April 2018 and 31st March 2019):

   **Request**: How many people are living with Type 1 diabetes in your CCG? (Total number)

   **Response**: This information is available in the public domain at: https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/lancashire-insight/health-and-care/health/long-term-conditions/diabetes/.

   **Request**: How many people with Type 1 Diabetes in your CCG use continuous glucose monitoring (CGM) (Total number)-
Response: The CCG does not hold this level of information. You may wish to consider contacting the CCG’s member practices for this information. A list of practices can be found on our website at: https://www.greaterprestonccg.nhs.uk/our-gp-practice-members.

Request: Does your CCG have a policy on the funding of CGM? (Yes/No)
If your CCG has a policy in place for CGM, please provide a copy of the policy or a link to the policy.

Response: Yes, please see the **Policy for the Provision of Continuous Glucose Monitoring and Flash Glucose Monitoring to patients with Diabetes Mellitus which is available on the CCG website at: https://www.greaterprestonccg.nhs.uk/clinical-and-prescribing-policies.

Request: How is CGM currently funded within your CCG? (e.g. routinely commissioned/ routinely commissioned within the scope of the NICE guidance/Individual Funding Request/Patient self-funded/ Hospital funded/Other (please describe) etc.)

Response: Patients are routinely funded in line with the clinical policy. Those who do not meet the criteria will require submission of an individual funding request.

Request: Does your CCG specify specific CGM systems? (Yes/No)
If your CCG does specify specific CGM system, please provide a list of the CGM systems.

Response: No, please see policy for further information.

Request: How many IFR applications were received between 1st April 2018 and 31st March 2019 for CGM? (Total number)

Response: Eight applications were received.

Request: How many people with Type 1 Diabetes in your CCG use Flash Glucose Monitoring? (Total number).

Response: The CCG does not hold this information. You may wish to contact the individual GP practices as detailed previously*.

Request: Does your CCG have a policy on the use and funding of Flash Glucose Monitoring? (Yes/No)
If your CCG has a policy in place for Flash Glucose Monitoring, please provide a copy of the policy or a link to the policy.

Response: Yes, included in the policy detailed previously **

Response: How is Flash Glucose Monitoring currently funded within your CCG? (e.g. routinely commissioned/ routinely commissioned within the scope of the NICE
Response: Patients are routinely funded in line with the clinical policy. Those who do not meet the criteria will require submission of an individual funding request.

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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