31 July 2019

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

Thank you for your email, dated 4 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: Please can you tell me how many beds the CCG commissions in locked rehabilitation units and Assessment Treatment Units on the present date (4th July 2019).

Response: On 4 July 2019 the CCG was commissioning 10 beds in locked rehabilitation units/ Assessment Treatment Units.

Request: Please state how much each bed costs on a daily basis and please give the name of the unit and the length of time the patient has been at the unit.

Response:
The CCG wishes to exempt provision of the costs charged by individual providers, under Section 43 of the FOI act, as this could prejudice the commercial interests of the provider when negotiating costs with other organisations.
However, we can advise that the CCG commissions packages of care (POC) on a weekly basis, with the highest POC being £11591.16 and the lowest being £2282, on 4 July 2019.

The providers used on 4 July 2019 were:

Kemple View
Cygnet Lodge Brighouse
The Retreat York
Cambian - The Fountains Hospital
MHC UK - Newton House
The Hamptons Care Centre
Cygnet Hospital
CWP NHS - Greenways Assessment and Treatment Unit
TRU Transitional Rehabilitation Unit
Elysium Hospital Spring Wood Lodge

Under Section 40(2) of the FOI act the CCG wishes to exempt provision of the information in the format requested, as due to the low numbers of patients the data could lead to the patient being identified and therefore a breach of data protection. We can however provide information relating to the longest and shortest stays in the units, which as at 4 July 2019 were:

Longest: 326 weeks
Shortest: 4 weeks.

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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