

Ref: CCG January 2016 014

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Dear

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 15 January 2016, with regards to Continuing Healthcare (CHC) Funding.

Request/**Response**

In Calendar months. Having thought about my request could I narrow the results down to the follow;

Criteria: Could the information I am requesting only contain the number of people who were in receipt of FULL NHS Continuing Healthcare Funding for a FULL YEAR during each year, or those who sadly passed away during the year but were in regular receipt of CHC funding prior. (In other words could the CCG please discount those persons who were found eligible during the year and then found ineligible three months later, and those who sadly went through the fast track system due to terminal illness.)

I would also request that the numbers for each year are broken down into accommodation setting. For example those receiving Full NHS CHC funding in a Nursing Home, Residential home, Hospital (for all the year), Sheltered Accommodation, in their own home etc. (This list is not exhaustive)

INFORMATION REQUIRED

1. The number of persons that each CCG found **ELIGIBLE** for '**FULL NHS Continuing Healthcare Funding**' after a full multidisciplinary assessment for each of the following years using the criteria above. (Please supply individual data for each year) 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015.

We are unable to provide you with the information you have requested pre 1 April 2013 under section 1 (1) (a) of the FOI Act. This is because Liverpool

Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) does not hold the information you have requested as the CCG only became a statutory organisation from 1st April 2013.

You could try contacting the Department of Health on Mb_legacy_records@dh.gsi.gov.uk to ask if they are able to provide this information.

From our preliminary assessment, we have estimated that it will cost more than the 'appropriate limit' to consider your request.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for central government is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3.5 working days in determining whether the department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

We do not hold the data in a way that we can collate the information you have requested. We would need to manually go through each record to ascertain if the patient had been on CHC funding for twelve months, and what residential setting they were placed in.

NHS Liverpool CCG undertake quarterly returns to the Department of Health on newly eligible patients; it doesn't identify if individuals have been in receipt of funding for twelve months. The link is detailed below to assist you.

<http://www.hscic.gov.uk/searchcatalogue?productid=19602&q=continuing+healthcare&sort=Relevance&size=10&page=1#top>

If you wish to change the scope of your request, we may be able to provide some information free of charge because it would cost less than the appropriate limit to do so. For instance, you may wish to refine your request. E.g. your original request, Question 1 can be answered from the Department of Health website above. Any reformulated request the department receives from you will be treated as a fresh FOI request. If you would like us to work out the fee for responding to this request, then please ask if we will prepare that for you.

2. The number of people that were found to be **INELIGIBLE** for 'FULL NHS Continuing Healthcare Funding' after a full multidisciplinary assessment for each of the following years using the criteria above. (Please supply individual data for each year) 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015.

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3. Could each CCG also provide me with the population size of the area they cover?

Our registered population is 506,479

We wish to take this opportunity to inform you that a formal complaints and internal review procedure is available to applicants who are unhappy with responses provided to FOI requests. You can formally request an internal review within a reasonable period of time (2 calendar months) from the date this response was issued.

Where you are not satisfied with the decision of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) for a further review of that decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure in the first instance.

The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk

Should you require any further information, clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

**Customer Relations Lead
NHS Liverpool CCG**