

Ref: CCG June028 2016

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13th July 2016,

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 28th June 2016, with regards to accounts payable.

Please note: Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group became a statutory body in April 2013, therefore we can only provide you with information from the period since 1st April 2013; any information prior to this date cannot be provided as it is not held by Liverpool CCG.

Your request should be redirected to the Department of Health at the following address:

Mb_legacy_records@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Request/**Response**

- 1) Please state the total number of Accounts Payable invoices processed by the organisation in the last financial year 2015/2016?

18,503 invoices between 1 April 2015 and 31 March 2016.

- 2) In the last five years, please state the names of all external organisations used to review Accounts Payable and identify and recover erroneous payments, and the period reviewed by each.

These organisations have been in place since the CCG came into existence on the 1st April 2013 and have undertaken the work from 1st April 2013 to date;

Mersey Internal Audit Agency (MIAA) (as part of our Counter Fraud Service)

Shared Business Service (National contract held by NHS England)

VAT Liaison (specifically for VAT but checks could lead to investigations (none of this kind have been undertaken))

- 3) Please state the total value of money recovered by each provider in the period reviewed?

Between 1 April 2013 – 31 March 2015

£0 – no frauds/erroneous payments have been identified from these reviews and those undertaken by the Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group.

- 4) Please state the total amount paid to any external parties for this review work.

NHS Shared Business Services (SBS) this is a National contract which is paid nationally.

VAT liaison – charges 6% of any VAT issues identified. (Not specific to erroneous payments – should any of this nature be found, we would investigate these with MIAA – as mentioned below).

MIAA as part of a larger internal audit offering (40-45 days of the total internal audit offering is set aside for Counter Fraud within an agreed plan) – in addition a “reactive day authority” bill is also placed for any specific investigations.

None of this nature has been performed during the period 1 April 2013 to date.

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,

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