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10th August 2016,

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 29th July 2016, with regards to successful bidders for Princes Park Health Centre.

Request/**Response**

1) Are the identities of the successful bidders for Princes Park Health Centre in the public domain?

No

2) If the answer to the above question is “no” why not?

The identity of the successful bidder is not yet known. LCCG is currently at Invitation to Tender (ITT) stage for the Princes Park Health Centre procurement. The ITT is to be submitted by bidders in September 2016 with evaluation and approval by LCCG expected to be completed in November 2016.

As per the Procurement Regulations there is a need for confidentiality during the process. Liverpool CCG is very conscious of the need to balance the interests of all parties (including patients and patient representatives), and to meet all our legal requirements. If the procurement were open and not undertaken in a confidential manner then this does have the potential to work against the interests of patients. Ultimately, though, LCCG is accountable for the decisions it takes, using public money in the best interests of the patients it serves.

Furthermore, NHS England has recently produced revised statutory guidance under which there is a new requirement for CCGs to publish a 'Register of Procurement Decisions' on their websites (this will be in the same manner in which we publish our Register of Interests and Gifts and Hospitality Registers). Therefore, the decision will be made publicly accessible via our Register of Procurement Decisions at a later date and once the process has concluded.

3) If the answer to question one is "yes", what are the names of the successful bidders for Princes Park Health Centre?

N/A

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Information Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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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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