

**Ref: CCG December 07 2016**

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21<sup>st</sup> December 2016,

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 8<sup>h</sup> November 2016, with regards to myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (M.E).

Request/**Response**

1. How many people in the CCG are:
  - a. Diagnosed with myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (M.E.)?
  - b. Estimated to have M.E.?

***Liverpool clinical Commissioning Group commission a chronic fatigue and ME service from The Royal Liverpool & Broadgreen University Hospitals NHS Trust and Alder Hey Children's Hospital, therefore we suggest you redirect this element of your request to them directly:***

[foi@rlbuht.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@rlbuht.nhs.uk)

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2. Are there specialist local services for people with M.E. commissioned within the CCG?
  - a. What services are commissioned?

***There is a specialist service commissioned for patients with ME/Chronic fatigue syndrome which is fully compliant with NICE and BACME guidance.***

b. How much does it cost annually to run each service?

***Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group cannot provide you with an answer to this element of your request as we do not hold this information. The M.E service forms part of a larger contract; therefore we cannot provide the annual cost of this specific service alone.***

3. What other local services are people with M.E. directed to after diagnosis?

***Patients will be signposted to services according to their individual needs.***

4. Have people diagnosed with M.E. in the locality been referred to out-of-area specialist M.E. services? If any:

a. How many were referred?

b. What was the overall cost to the CCG for the out-of-area provision of specialist services for people with M.E.?

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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,

**Customer Relations Lead  
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