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**Our Ref: FOI 7629**

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**St Helens CCG  
St Helens Chamber  
Chalon Way  
Off Salisbury Street  
St Helens WA10 1FY**

## **Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Further to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding Lymphoedema Services, please see below our response to your request.

### Request:

Please inform us of the services currently commissioned by St Helens CCG to support patients with lymphoedema related to:

- cancer treatment
- non cancer related causes

Please inform us of the commissioner/commissioning department responsible for commissioning these services. Please inform us of the arrangements made to support such people if no specific lymphoedema service is commissioned.

### Response:

NHS St Helens CCG currently joint commissions a service with Liverpool, Knowsley and Halton CCGs which is delivered by Marie Curie Hospice.

The service offers specialist assessment, support and management for both cancer and non-cancer related lymphoedema. It is a nurse run service which has been running at the Marie Curie Hospice in Liverpool since 2001. The referral criteria for the service includes patients who do not necessarily have a life limiting illness. Patients with a BMI over 40 are not accepted and instead referred to a weight management programme, Referrals may be received from GP's, Community Nursing Services, Hospital Trusts and other health and social care professionals.

The commissioner responsible currently is Helen Williams, Head of Integrated Commissioning within the Integrated Adults Commissioning Team.

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

We also wish to take this opportunity to inform you that a formal complaints and internal review process is available, which will be managed by a FOI Appeals Officer.

This can be formally requested and must be done within a reasonable period of time (3 calendar months) from the date this response was issued.

Where you are not satisfied with the response to a request for information that falls within the Environmental Information Regulations, you should make a representation for a review to FOI Appeals Officer, [sthelensccg.foi@nhs.net](mailto:sthelensccg.foi@nhs.net) within 40 days of receipt of the response.

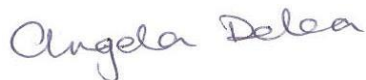
If you are not satisfied with our review under the Freedom of Information Act or the Environmental Information Regulations, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) for a review of your appeal decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure.

The ICO can be contacted at;

ICO, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF  
[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Should you need any further clarification or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angela Delea".

**Angela Delea**  
**Associate Director – Corporate Governance**  
**NHS St Helens Clinical Commissioning Group**