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**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Further to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding Hyper Acute Stroke Units, please see below our response to your request.

Request/ Response:

Please can you advise me if your CCG is planning to commission one or more Hyper Acute Stroke Units (HASU) for your patients?

The CCG does not currently and is not planning to commission a Hyper Acute Stroke Unit; patients generally are taken to the HASU at St Helens and Knowsley Hospitals and the CCG pays for this via Payment by Results (PbR).

Has a business case been prepared for HASUs in your area? If so, please list any organisations who were paid to support the preparation of the business case and how much they were paid?

No

Please can you send me a copy of the business case.

N/A

If you already have one or more HASUs in place, please can you send me any internal or external evaluations that have taken place?

N/A – The CCG do not hold any evaluations however if you go onto the SSNAP website you will find the results of the national stroke audit which may serve your purposes:  
<https://www.strokeaudit.org/>.

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.

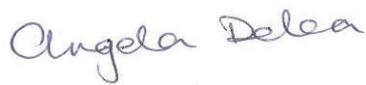
If you are not satisfied with our review under the Freedom of Information Act or the Environmental Information Regulations, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) for a review of your appeal decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our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