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Our Ref: FOI 7628

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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Further to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding Applications for Continuing Care Funding, please see below our response to your request.

Request/ [Response](#):

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act relating to applications to your CCG for Continuing Care funding. Please answer the following questions for the time period 1st April 2017 – 1st April 2018 (or the April dates from which data began to be collected e.g. April 6th) in relation to the CCG you look after.

1. How many applications for Continuing Care funding were received by the CCG?
[Continuing Health Care referrals – 474 \(not recorded whether checklists are negative\)](#)
[Fast Track referrals - 443](#)

2. How many of those applications were successful – as in funding was either fully or partially granted?
[Approximately 18% of all referrals were deemed eligible for full CHC funding for 17/18.](#)
[37% Of all assessments carried out were deemed eligible for full CHC funding for 2017/18.](#)

3. How many applicants for funding (i.e. the intended recipient) died before a final decision was made on their case?
[This is not recorded by the CHC Team](#)

4. What was the mean time period for a decision to be made – please supply the answer in number of days.

Quarter 1:

Total number of referrals: 93			
Total referrals completed in quarter: 58			
Within 28 days	Up to 2 weeks (42 days)	2-4 Weeks (up to 56 days)	4-12 Weeks (up to 112 days)
34	6	4	11

Quarter 2:

Total number of referrals: 111 Total referrals completed in quarter: 77			
Within 28 days	Up to 2 weeks (42 days)	2-4 Weeks (up to 56 days)	4-12 Weeks (up to 112 days)
48	8	3	2

Quarter 3:

Total number of referrals: 113 Total referrals completed in quarter: 75			
Within 28 days	Up to 2 weeks (42 days)	2-4 Weeks (up to 56 days)	4-12 Weeks (up to 112 days)
58	3	2	0

Quarter 4:

Total number of referrals: 157 Total referrals completed in quarter: 93			
Within 28 days	Up to 2 weeks (42 days)	2-4 Weeks (up to 56 days)	4-12 Weeks (up to 112 days)
83	6	0	0

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 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

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

Yours sincerely,



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