Re: Freedom of Information Request

Further to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding GP Practice Contracts, please see below our response to your request.

Request/Response:

1. Please provide the total number of GP surgeries operating in your area. And the total number of patients covered. There are 34 GP practices in the borough, covering 197,422 patients.

2. Please provide the total number of those GP surgeries which are being run by interim caretakers, rather than fully contracted out. Please also provide the number of patients those surgeries cover. There are currently NO practices being run by interim caretakers.

3. Please provide the total cost to the CCG of commissioning those interim caretakers, above. N/A

4. For 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 so far, please provide the number of GP surgeries where partners have handed their contract back and please also attach the names of the surgeries and the registered partner(s). Within 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 so far; NO contracts have been handed back.

5. Please provide the average total cost (or the cost in each instance if average is unworkable) to the CCG of putting the returned contract out to tender/procurement. Please breakdown the costs where possible to marketing, advertising, tendering, legal costs etc. N/A

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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