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Our Ref: FOI 7846

Date: 15th April 2019

Dear Sir/ Madam

Re: Freedom of Information Request

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

Request:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information regarding NHS continuing healthcare (CHC) from the CCG:

Please state:

1. The total number of people receiving NHS continuing healthcare in your CCG area, during each of these separate financial years: a) 2015/16, b) 2016/17, c) 2017/18.
2. The total number of NHS continuing healthcare reviews (including 3-month and annual reviews) conducted by your CCG on people with existing eligibility, during each of these separate financial years: a) 2015/16, b) 2016/17, c) 2017/18.
3. The total number of cases where NHS continuing healthcare eligibility was withdrawn following a review by your CCG, during each of these separate financial years: a) 2015/16, b) 2016/17, c) 2017/18.

Response:

- 1) The number of people receiving NHS continuing healthcare in:
 - a. 2015/16 is 303
 - b. 2016/17 is 284
 - c. 2017/18 is 317
- 2) This data is not available – the policy is that all new continuing healthcare packages of care are reviewed at 3 months and annually.
- 3) This data is not available.

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.

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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,

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

Angela Delea
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