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**Our Ref: FOI 7971**

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Dear Sir/ Madam

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

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

Request:

Please can you tell me the total amount (whether estimated or exact) your Clinical Commissioning Group spent on abortion provision in the calendar year 2018 (01/01/2018-31/12/2018)?

Terms: '*Abortion provision*' refers to all abortion procedures, pre abortion counselling and post abortion care.

Response:

The CCG spent a total of £445,458 on abortion services during the calendar year 2018. This includes all abortion provision including procedures carried out for emergency purposes.

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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