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Dear Charlotte Peters Rock,

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
Audit, Cost & Services**

Thank you for your information request indicated in bold below, which has now been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 by NHS Eastern Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). I am able to provide you with the following information and responses.

You asked:**1) How much has ECCCG spent on external auditors (Deloitte now and PWC (or other auditors) in the past)?**

Our response:

1) NHS Eastern Cheshire CCG has a contract with Grant Thornton LLP to undertake the external audit of our statutory accounts each financial year with an annual contract cost of approximately £54,000.

Please be advised that non-statutory review work undertaken by external auditors, such as Deloitte, is funded by NHS England and not NHS Eastern Cheshire CCG. You therefore may wish to redirect your request for information about spend on external auditors undertaking non-statutory review work at NHS Eastern Cheshire CCG to NHS England. NHS England can be contacted for Freedom of Information requests at the following email address:
england.contactus@nhs.net

You asked:

- 2) What specific services is the CCG looking at stopping or curtailing?
- 3) Is our local East Cheshire NHS Trust going to lose services?
- 4) If so, which ones?
- 5) Where from? i.e.
 - i. Macclesfield Hospital,
 - ii. Congleton War Memorial Hospital,
 - iii. Knutsford Cranford Lodge Hospital, iv. Community Health Services, v. Commercial Services, vi. Charitable or other services.
- 6) Will ECCCCG be curtailing any services it currently buys in from other hospital services out with this CCG area?

Our response:

2 – 6) Eastern Cheshire CCG has published full details of its “Quality, Innovation, Productivity & Prevention” (QIPP) plan, including changes to prescribing of certain medicines, out-patient physiotherapy and reducing administration costs. The focus of the QIPP plan is on reducing demand for NHS services and improving the efficiency of existing services, including national schemes like Right Care.

Whilst the proposed changes set out in the CCG’s QIPP plan do not currently include any closure of specific services, the CCG is continuing to review all options with respect to meeting its statutory duties. Should the CCG conclude that service changes beyond its current plan are required it will actively seek the involvement of the public and seek advice from the Cheshire East Scrutiny Committee with respect to formal consultation. An example of this is the current on-going review of Adult Mental Health services.

The CCG’s QIPP plan covers all organisations that the CCG currently commissions services from, including public, private and voluntary sector both within and outside of the CCG area.

Information about the progress of the CCG’s QIPP plan are detailed in our April 2017 Governing Body Financial Performance Report (Section 6: Quality, Innovation, Productivity & Prevention Schemes), which is available on our website at the following link:

<https://www.easterncheshireccg.nhs.uk/Downloads/Governing-Body/Meetings/2017-04-26/2.1%20-%20Financial%20Performance%20M12%20GB%20Mtg%2026%20Apr%2017%20v5%20Final.pdf>

Information about the full range of efficiency measures being considered by NHS Eastern Cheshire CCG are detailed in the minutes and agendas of our monthly Governing Body meeting which can be accessed on our website at the following link: <https://www.easterncheshireccg.nhs.uk/Meetings/agendas-and-papers.htm>

You asked:

7) What is the current ECCCCG debt?

Our response:

7) NHS Eastern Cheshire CCG's current forecasted deficit for the 2017/18 financial year is £13.4m.

You asked:

8) How does it vary from previous years since the inception of ECCCCG?

Our response:

8) Please find listed in the table below, NHS Eastern Cheshire CCG's end of year surplus/deficit for each financial year since the inception of the CCG on 1st April 2013.

Financial Year	Surplus / Deficit	Amount (£)
2013/14	Surplus	204,000
2014/15	Surplus	191,000
2015/16	Surplus	1.4m
2016/17	Deficit	12.4m

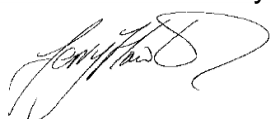
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The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

**The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Yours sincerely



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