10th September 2019

Dear Requester

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - RESPONSE
FOI Reference: OPTUM FOI 500-673 – SWL CCG

I refer to your email received on 13 August 2019. I can confirm on behalf of NHS South West Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) supported by Optum Commissioning Support Services, and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each element of your request is detailed below:

REQUEST & RESPONSE

1.0   Please can you give me the information for the last five years regarding the annual spend on rehabilitation services procured via private companies for Lincolnshire patients?

I would like to know the break down by spend on
- Major Trauma Patients
- MSK Patients
- Neuro Rehab Patients
- Amputee Patients
- Stroke Patients

RESPONSE:
From the CCG's perspective, the only patient group that might go to a Private Provider would be Neuro Rehab. All other patients should all be able to access NHS services.

Table 1 in Appendix 1 details the amount spent on Neuro-Rehab by the CCG.

2.0   I would also like to know with which private providers these purchases have been made,
RESPONSE:
All expenditure is with private providers.

3.0   I would also like to know how many patients are sent to each company
RESPONSE:
This information is not held by the CCG. This information is not identified on the CCG's Ledger.

4.0   Could you then confirm whether there will be any provision to bring all of this rehabilitation work back into an NHS provider in the future?

RESPONSE:

Where appropriate NHS provision exists, local or otherwise, the CCG would seek to use NHS Services.

I trust that this answers your queries with the information we currently hold, but if we can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Team.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to

Optum Health Systems Support
FOI TEAM
South Kesteven District Council Offices
St. Peter's Hill
Grantham
NG31 6PZ

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the CCGs.

The Information Commissioner's contact details can be found here:
https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/

All information we have provided is subject to the provisions of the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015. Accordingly, if the information has been made available for re-use under the Open Government Licence (OGL) a request to re-use is not required, but the licence conditions must be met. You must not re-use any previously unreleased information without having the consent from the CCG. Should you wish to re-use previously unreleased information then you must make your request in writing (email will suffice) to the FOI Lead. All requests for re-use will be responded to within 20 working days of receipt.

Yours faithfully

FOI Team
On behalf of NHS South West Lincolnshire CCG

Appendix 1

Table 1
Spend on Neuro-Rehab
by CCG

		2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16	2014/15*
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
South West Lincolnshire CCG		201	200	200	200	84

NOTES:
- The figures for South West for 15/16 and 16/17 are estimates.
- 14/15 figures are based on the capitation split of the total spend for that year
- Older figures may not be as reliable as more recent data. Massive efforts in data quality and consistency have been made in the last few years of CHC
- As a result of this, there may be some patients which were not identified as a Neuro Rehab case, and conversely there is also the possibility that some may have been inaccurately labelled as such