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Dear Sir

Freedom of Information Request L281211LCR and L281211LC: Information regarding Commissioned Respiratory Services

Thank you for your request, received by NHS Leicestershire County & Rutland and NHS Leicester City on 28 December 2011, for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please find our response as listed below. For ease of reference your questions are in italics with each response below:

Response from NHS Leicestershire County & Rutland and NHS Leicester City:

Do you currently commission the below services:

Q1. An evidence based Pulmonary Rehabilitation programme?

Response to Q1: Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland PCT Cluster (NHS LLR PCT Cluster) Commissions an evidence based pulmonary rehabilitation service from University Hospitals of Leicester (UHL). It also commissions an element of the service through LLR Community Health Services (LLR CHS) which are part of Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT).

Q2. A home oxygen assessment and review service?

Response to Q2: LLR PCT Cluster Commissions a Home Oxygen Assessment and Review service from LLR CHS

Q3. An early discharge service for patients admitted to an acute trust with an exacerbation of COPD?



Response to Q3: The Respiratory Early Discharge Service (REDS) is part of the UHL Cardio Respiratory Directorate. The staff of this team will follow up COPD patients for up to two weeks at home following discharge working in tandem with community nursing and GP services to ensure a smooth handover at the end of that period.

Q4. A prevention of admission service for patients with an exacerbation of COPD?

Response to Q4: NHS LLR Commissions a range of Community Nursing services from LLR CHS which include Specialist Respiratory Community Matrons, Generalist Community Matrons, District nurses and a Rapid Response Team (Intermediate Care). All of these teams provide direct patient care in the patient's home including, where appropriate, Intravenous antibiotics or will liaise with the patient's GP to manage COPD exacerbations in the patients' homes where it is possible and safe to do so.

Q5. Community COPD clinics for the diagnosis and stable management of COPD?

Response to Q5: This Model is not commissioned by LLR PCT Cluster.

Q6. If you do not currently commission these services do you have plans to in the future?

Response to Q6: There are currently no plans to commission any other COPD services to those outlined above

Q7. If you currently commission the above services, when is the date for re-tender?

Response to Q7: Services contained within the main acute contract are on a one year basis and will be re-commissioned for 2012/13. With regard to services provided in the community; consultation will be undertaken prior to any procurement. Until consultation has been undertaken and outcomes from this obtained, no services will be re-procured

If you have any further queries relating to this matter please do not hesitate to make contact.

Yours sincerely

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