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Dear Ms Prickett

I am writing with reference to your Freedom of Information request received on 13 September 2012 in which you requested information regarding continuing healthcare.

NHS North of Tyne works on behalf of Newcastle and North Tyneside PCTs and is responding on their behalf.

Please find below our response the questions you raised.

**How many patients the PCT supported through providing continuing healthcare which ensured patients could remain within their own home in 2011?**

Newcastle 280

North Tyneside 272

These figures do not include patients who have died in this period.

**What was the total cost of providing continuing healthcare to patients in their own home in 2011?**

Newcastle £8,988,221

North Tyneside £7,552,168

This relates to total cost, cannot be subdivided into those in own home.

**How many additional patients did the PCT fund for continuing healthcare which ensured that patients could remain in their own home in 2011?**

We are unable to provide the additional numbers as we do not routinely record these statistics.

**What does the PCT pay for continuing healthcare per hour?**

This is dependent on skills of provider needed for each individual and the patient's needs.

**How is continuing healthcare currently commissioned by the PCT and could you please provide me with the contact details of the lead commissioner?**

Each case manager commissions bespoke packages for named individuals.

Our lead for continuing healthcare is Jill Prendergast, CHC Panel Chair, based at the above address, tel: 0191 2172712.

**How will continuing healthcare be commissioned in the future for patients within the PCT? Will this be commissioned by the commissioning support unit or have the clinical commissioning groups decided to commission the service?**

Continuing healthcare will continue to be commissioned as it is now. The commissioning process will be managed by the North East Commissioning Support Office.

I trust that this answers your request.

If you are unhappy with the response you receive to a request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, you should contact us as soon as possible giving us reasons why you believe we have not satisfied the requirements of the act. The matter will then be considered by one of our executive directors who will respond in writing.

You will receive a letter about the outcome of this review, inviting you to contact the Information Commissioner if you remain dissatisfied with our response.

Yours sincerely

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