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Via email to: request-789291-14b704c0@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Ms Khaloon

Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email dated 7 September 2021 addressed to Leicester City Clinical Commissioning Group (LC CCG) in respect of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Clinical Commissioning Groups (LLR CCGs) confirm our response below (your request is set out in italics for ease of reference).

1. How many consultations are there per year in each of the following care settings for chronic pain. Please provide us with the financial years of 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

a) How many consultations are there in Community services?

Response: Please be advised that there is no Community Pain Service at present.

b) How many consultations are there in Primary care (general practice)?

Response: This information has not been recorded consistently during the specified period.

NHS Digital have been working with professional representatives, system suppliers and NHS England to collect and collate data from the appointment systems held in General Practice.

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They publish the aggregate activity data across England, from practices who are already able to access individual reports from their own systems.

This data reflects only the planned and scheduled activity recorded within the appointment systems for much of General Practice across England but will start to contribute valuable insight into the activity at the front line.

This data only represents a part of the workload undertaken by General Practice and does not yet cover all systems and settings. The data can be accessed via the following link: <https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/data-tools-and-services/data-services/general-practice-data-hub/appointments-in-general-practice>

c) *How many consultations are there in Secondary Care (Acute Hospitals)*

Response: Table 1: Consultations in Secondary Care (Acute Hospitals)

	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
New Outpatients Clinics	598	559	298
Follow Up Outpatients Clinics	489	441	236
Grand Total	1,087	1,000	534

2. *How many patients per year does that represent? In each care setting for each of the following financial years (2018-2019), (2019-2020) and (2020-2021).*

a) *Primary care (general practice) - in the years (2018-2019), (2019-2020) and (2020-21).*

Response: This data is not available. Please see response to Question 1b. above.

b) *Community Services - in the years (2018-2019), (2019-2020) and (2020-2021).*

Response: Please be advised that there is no Community Pain Service at present.

c) *Secondary care (acute hospitals) - in the years (2018-2019), (2019-2020) and (2020-21).*

Response: Table 2: Attendances to Secondary Care (Acute Hospitals)

	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
New Outpatients Attendances	2,198	2,119	1,077
Follow Up Outpatients Attendances	1,641	1,308	785
Grand Total	3,839	3,427	1,862

3) *What is the total cost of medication per year for Chronic Pain?*

Please give us the total cost for providing the following analgesics on prescription in each of the following care-settings: (Primary = GP and Community Services) and (Secondary = Acute Hospital Settings) for the following years: 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21. Please note, we recognise that it may be impossible to dissociate the prescription of these drugs for pain or for

other indication. In that case, please just provide us with the total cost irrespective of indication. Please consider referring to the BNF analgesics chapter.

Response: Regarding secondary care settings, the requested information is not held by the LLR CCGs. Please be advised to contact Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust on lpt.foi@nhs.net and University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust on foi@uhl-tr.nhs.uk for this information.

Regarding community hospitals, the requested information is not held by the LLR CCGs. Please be advised to contact Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust directly on lpt.foi@nhs.net.

Regarding primary care, please be advised to contact NHSBSA directly using the following link: <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/access-our-data-products/epact2/epact2-user-agreement-eua>

4. Do you have a secondary care pain unit in the CCG? If so, how many referrals are made to this unit per year? For the following financial years: (2018-19), (2019-20) and (2020-21).

Response: Table 3: Referrals made to the Secondary Care Pain Unit (University Hospitals of Leicester)

Referrals	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
Pain Management	3,144	3,423	2,192

5. Do you have community pain services? If so, how many consultations are made to these services per year? For the following financial years: (2018-19), (2019-20) and (2020-21). How are these services commissioned?

Response: Please be advised that there is no Community Pain Service at present.

6. What is the total cost of care per year for Chronic Pain? In each setting for each financial year.

a) Primary care (general practice) - in the years (2018-2019), (2019-2020) and (2020-2021).

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b) Community Services - in the years (2018-2019), (2019-2020) and (2020-21).

Response: Please be advised that there is no Community Pain Service at present.

c) Secondary care (acute hospitals) - in the years (2018-2019), (2019-2020) and (2020-21).

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Yours sincerely

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