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Dear Ms Khatoon

Re: Freedom of Information request

Reference: FOI.21.SWL121

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Thank you for your request under the *Freedom of Information Act 2000* (the Act). This response is provided on behalf of NHS South West London Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). Your request along with the CCG's response is detailed below.

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?

NHS South West London CCG does not hold this information.

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

NHS South West London CCG does not hold this information.

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

NHS South West London CCG does hold this information. Please see table below:

Year	No of Consultations
2018/2019	27,128
2019/2020	24,397
2020/2021	20,758
2021/2022	12,247
Grand Total	84,530

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).

NHS South West London CCG does not have this information.

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

NHS South West London CCG does not hold this information.

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

NHS South West London CCG does hold this information. Please see table below:

Year	Count of Patient
2018/2019	10,466
2019/2020	9,904
2020/2021	8,766
2021/2022	5,754
Grand Total	34,890

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.

NHS South West London CCG does not hold this information. You may wish to contact NHS Business Service Authority (NHSBSA), who may hold this information. NHSBSA's contact details can be found via the following link: <http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/FreedomOfInformation.aspx>

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).

NHS South West London CCG commissions activity from a number of acute providers – activity and patient numbers have been provided. It does not have its own in-house service.

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?

Pain clinics are wrapped up with the overall MSK services, but the CCG does not receive a breakdown of the consultations.

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).

NHS South West London CCG does not hold this information.

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

NHS South West London CCG does not hold this information.

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

NHS South West London CCG does hold this information. Please see table below:

Year	Total Cost
2018/2019	£5,229,472.00
2019/2020	£5,024,596.00
2020/2021	£4,483,144.00



2021/2022 £3,068,697.00

Grand Total	£17,805,909.00
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Yours sincerely

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