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Reply sent by email to: [request-764993-87a9921b@whatdotheyknow.com](mailto:request-764993-87a9921b@whatdotheyknow.com)

Dear Dr Viaris De Lesegno and Sabrina

**Re: Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for your email, dated 14 June 2021 making a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for access to information which may be held by NHS Greater Preston Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

Please find detailed below NHS Greater Preston CCG's response to your request, which is formatted as follows:-

1. Details of NHS Greater Preston CCG's decision in regard to the information requested.
2. A schedule of all the records covered by your request.
3. A statement concerning copyright and re-use of public sector information.
4. Details of how you can appeal this decision should you wish to do so.

This letter addresses each of these parts in turn:-

1. Decision

I can confirm that NHS Greater Preston CCG holds part of does not hold the information requested.

2. Schedule of records/FOI response

Request:

How many consultations are there per year for chronic pain?

How many patients per year does that represent?

What is the total cost of care per year for Chronic Pain?

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

Do you have a secondary care pain unit in the CCG? If so, how many referrals are made to this unit per year?

**Response:**

NHS Greater Preston CCG does not hold this level of information. You may be able to request this information from the provider of this service which is Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (LTHTR) via the below link.

[Freedom Of Information | Lancashire Teaching Hospitals \(lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk\)](https://lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk)

**Request:**

Do you have community pain services?

**Response:**

The provider of the community pain service is Lancashire and South Cumbria Foundation Trust (LSCFT).

**Request:**

If so, how many consultations are made to these services per year? and what is the cost of care within these services per year?

**Response:**

NHS Greater Preston CCG does not hold this level of information. You may be able to request the information from LSCFT via the below link.

[Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust | Freedom of Information Act \(lscft.nhs.uk\)](https://lscft.nhs.uk)

### 3. Copy and reuse of public sector information provided in FOI response

Most of the information provided by NHS Greater Preston CCG in response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 requests will be subject to copyright protection. In the majority of cases the information will be owned by NHS Greater Preston CCG. The copyright for other information may be owned by another person or organisation, as indicated in the information itself: in this case you must apply to the copyright owner to obtain their permission.

You are free to use any information supplied for your own use, including for non-commercial research purposes. It may also be used for the purposes of news reporting. However, any other type of re-use, for example, by publishing the information or issuing copies to the public will require the permission of the copyright owner.

### 4. Right of appeal to FOI response

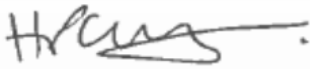
If you are dissatisfied with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you are entitled to complain in the following way:

Initially you should complain in writing to the freedom of information officer, either by email on [gpccg.foi@nhs.net](mailto:gpccg.foi@nhs.net) or post to Chorley House, Lancashire Business Park, Leyland, PR26 6TT, specifying why you feel you have been wrongly denied access to the

information requested. The freedom of information officer will ensure your complaint is investigated under NHS Greater Preston CCG's internal processes and provide you with a written response within 20 working days.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by NHS Greater Preston CCG.

Yours sincerely



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