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**Our Ref: FOI.17.CAN223**

Dear Mr Wain

**RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 received on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018 by NHS Canterbury and Coastal Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). The information you have requested is listed below together with the response:

**Sir David Nicholson, then Chief Executive of the NHS in England, requested in a letter on 15/03/2012 that individuals or their representatives notify the relevant PCT in respect of previously un-assessed periods of time where there is evidence that the individual should have been assessed for eligibility for NHS CHC funding with respect to that care.**

**1/. Please let me know how many applications were received by the CCG, and/or the CCGs/PCTs it replaced, before the first deadline Sir David gave in that letter, ie 30/12/2012?**

I can confirm NHS Canterbury and Coastal CCG has received 89 applications.

**2/. Of those applications received, how many reached the stage of being processed by the CCG, and/or the CCGs/PCTs it replaced?**

I can confirm NHS Canterbury and Coastal CCG have processed all 89 applications.

**3/. Of those which reached the stage of being processed by the CCG, and/or the CCGs/PCTs it replaced, how many have so far resulted in a Decision Letter?**

I can confirm all NHS Canterbury and Coastal CCGs 89 applications have resulted in a decision letter.

**4/. Of those which have reached the stage of a Decision Letter, how many applications have been found not eligible for Continuing Healthcare Funding?**



Based on the cases undertaken by our provider Examworks, I can confirm 60 of NHS Canterbury and Coastal CCG' applications have been found not eligible.

**5/. Of those which have reached the stage of a Decision Letter, how many applications have been found not eligible for Continuing Healthcare Funding for reasons relating to original documents or records having been lost or destroyed?**

I can confirm that NHS Canterbury and Coastal CCG holds information that falls within the description specified above; however they have estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to comply with your request. The appropriate limit is specified in the Freedom of Information Act (2000) and is set at £450 for 18 staff hours. This represents the estimated cost of determining whether NHS Canterbury and Coastal CCG holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. The estimated cost is calculated at 1 file multiplied by 20 minutes, which equals 20 hours. Consequently NHS Canterbury and Coastal CCG is not obliged under Section 12 of the Act to respond to this part of your request and they will not be processing it further.

We hope that this has dealt with your request for information however, should you remain dissatisfied, you have the right to request that we conduct an internal review of the way we have handled your request. If you would like us to conduct such a review please contact us within two months of this letter:

Email [NELCSU.foi@nhs.net](mailto:NELCSU.foi@nhs.net) or

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Your request for an internal review will then be processed in accordance with our Freedom of Information Policy.

If you are still dissatisfied following the internal review, you have the right under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner provides full and detailed guidance on the Freedom of Information Act and on when and how to complain.

Please find below the link to their website page and their helpline number.

<https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/official-information/>

Helpline number: 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure



log. Therefore, a version of our response, which will protect your anonymity, will be posted on the NHS Canterbury and Coastal Clinical Commissioning Group website.

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Team**  
**NEL CSU**

This Freedom of Information request has been processed by NEL CSU on behalf of

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