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Ref: FOI 263

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Dear Mr Wain

**Request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

On 19 January you sent a request, made under the Freedom of Information Act, to NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) relating to NHS CHC funding. I now provide the information within the attached paper.

I trust that this is the information you require and that your request has been fully discharged.

If you are unhappy with this response, you are entitled to request an internal review of our decision, handled where possible by a member of staff not directly involved in the initial decision. If you wish to request such a review, please write direct to The Head of Information Governance, NHS Dorset CCG, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Vespasian House, Barrack Road, Dorchester DT1 1TG. We aim to deal with requests for internal review within three weeks of receipt, although where the issues involved are very complicated this period may be extended up to a total of six weeks.

If you have queries about this response, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number and I shall be pleased to offer any further assistance that you may require.

Yours sincerely

**Signature Removed**

**Sally Shead**

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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.

**Q1:**

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?

**Response:**

NHS Dorset CCG received 570 applications before the first deadline of 30/12/2012.

**Q2:**

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

**Response:**

I can confirm that NHS Dorset CCG holds information that falls within the description specified in your request. However, from our preliminary assessment, we estimate that compliance with your request would exceed the appropriate costs limit under section 12 of the Freedom of information Act (FOIA) 2000. This is currently £450.

In total, for the whole previously un-assessed periods of care (PUPoC), the CCG received 2588 applications. We do not record applications in a way that allows us to track the 570 applications without accessing the 2588 files. Dorset CCG has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider your request and consequently is not obliged by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to respond to your request.

We can say that 820 applications have been processed in total.

**Q3:**

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?

**Response:**

All 820 applications resulted in a Decision Letter.

**Q4:**

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

**Response:**

609. This includes those with a Negative Checklist.

**Q5:**

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?

**Response:**

NHS Dorset CCG does not record this information.