

Our Ref: FOI-000305

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Jim Fulton
Sent by email to: request-256263-72dde86d@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Mr Fulton

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

Thank you for your email, dated 05 March 2015, making a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for access to information which may be held by NHS Chorley and South Ribble Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

Please find detailed below NHS Chorley and South Ribble CCG's response to your request, which is formatted as follows:

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

This letter addresses each of these parts in turn:

1. Decision

I can confirm that NHS Chorley and South Ribble CCG does not hold the information requested, and this is detailed below.

2. Schedule of records/FOI response:

Question:

Please provide me with financial information, on the amount of public money spent on Homeopathic Medicine. In particular, I would like to know of any expenditure on homeopathic hospitals.

Dr Gora Bangi – Chair
Jan Ledward – Chief Officer

Answer:

The clinical commissioning group does not commission homeopathic services and therefore has no financial information relating to this subject. For further information please see attached the policy on alternative and complementary services, which is in use by the CCG.

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

Most of the information provided by NHS Chorley and South Ribble 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 Chorley and South Ribble 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 foi@chorleysouthribbleccg.nhs.uk 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 complain is investigated under NHS Chorley and South Ribble 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 Chorley and South Ribble CCG.

Yours sincerely

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Dr Gora Bangi – Chair
Jan Ledward – Chief Officer

