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Our ref: NIC-26032-L6D8J
Re: NIC-20352-R5B4P

Dear Ms. Watts,

Re: Information Request – Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000

I can confirm that the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) has considered your request dated the 31st March 2016.

"The HSCIC, Population, Geography and International Statistics - Information Services only publishes data on the numbers of patients registered at a GP Practice in England; therefore is unable to help with any of the questions above."

But three months ago, the NHS suggested I contact you?

Here you are; https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/how_many_nhs_patients_have_no_ac

I quote the NHS here;

"The information you have requested may be available from the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC). You can contact the HSCIC by following the link below".

So between all of you, from the CQC to the NHS, from NHS Choices to Monitor; even The Parliamentary Health Service ombudsman seem clueless as to how many GP's have struck off their patients or the reasons behind their actions?

In light of the fact that you have a Duty Of Care, unsure as to how this blind spot by the NHS is allowed? Who is responsible for this willful refusal to collect and monitor the failure to best monitor GP's conduct?

For example, a GP will strike off a patient after a solicitor complains that they continue to withhold the patient's medical records from their lawyer, barrister and the patient.

Please clarify who in "power" at the NHS holds the office for overseeing the conduct of GP's?"

Thank you for your query.

NHS England state that the information 'may' be available from the HSCIC. In our first response to you ref: NIC-14852-K3Q2R, we confirmed that we did not hold the information you required. However, under Section 16 of the FOIA 2000, we supplied you with additional information which we thought you might find of interest.

Again, as stated in our previous response ref: NIC-20352-R5B4P, I can confirm that the HSCIC is not the body responsible for the conduct of GP Practices and therefore, cannot answer any of your questions above.

We recommend that you direct your questions to the General Medical Council (GMC). They may be able to provide you with the information you need.

For more information about the GMC, please visit <http://www.gmc-uk.org/about/role.asp>

To submit an FOI to the GMC, please email your request to foi@gmc-uk.org

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 HSCIC website.

I hope you understand the reasons why we are unable to supply the information requested. However, if you are not satisfied, you may request a review from a suitably qualified member of staff not involved in the initial query, via the enquiries@hscic.gov.uk e mail address or by post at the above postal address.

Yours sincerely,

Abi Simpson
Higher Information Governance Officer

Further information about your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act is available from the Information Commissioner's Office, Wilmslow, Cheshire, and on The Information Commissioner's website www.ico.org.uk.

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https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HSCIC_FOI_Feedback