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Dear Emma-Jane

Freedom of Information Act Request: Ref FOI 62-17/18

I am writing further to your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 dated 13 June 2017. NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group's response is set out below:

Request

We would like to be sent a file containing the contact information the Medicines Optimisation Team have for the GP Practices in your CCG. Please supply email contact details, and / or fax numbers, for each practice. Ideally the file you send should include data, for each practice, for one or more of the following headings: GP Practice Code, GP Practice Name, GP Practice Address, Telephone Number, E-mail Address and Fax Number.

These contact details are used for work purposes, and so should not be considered exempt under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is not always listed on NHS Choices (particularly e-mail address & fax), so is not readily available in the public domain.

Response

I can confirm the CCG's Medicines Optimisation Team does hold information as listed but not within a single source document/file as requested. However, the majority of information requested is already in the public domain and accessible by other means. For example

- NHS Choices details all phone numbers of GP Practices
- GP practices have their own websites on which they will publish their addresses and all other contact details that they want to be in the public domain.
- GP Practices codes can also be found as part of Open Governance Licence datasets which are also in the public domain. Example link provided below.

<https://data.gov.uk/dataset/prescribing-by-gp-practice-presentation-level>

Therefore and in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) this letter acts as a Refusal Notice to this element of your request. The exemption applied is Section 21 of the Act which states that a public authority is not obliged to provide information that is accessible by other means. The exemption has been applied as the information requested is already published by the GP practices themselves and on other accessible websites.

To assist I can advise that an alphabetical list of all GP Practices in the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG area is included within our formal Constitution which is published on the website. A direct link to this document is provided below. Please refer to page 8.

<https://www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/easysiteweb/getresource.axd?assetid=4360&type=0&servicetype=1>

I can also advise that the CCG does hold 'other' e-mail contacts with practices other than those which the GP practices themselves have published. However, these comprise e-mail addresses which identify individuals and as such constitute personal data under the Data Protection Act. The fact these e-mails are used by the individual for work purposes is not relevant. The CCG has therefore applied Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act - personal information, the disclosure of which would breach the first data protection principle as outlined in schedule 1 of the Data protection Act 1998. The exemption applies because the individuals concerned would not expect this information to be disclosed to an external third party.

If you are dissatisfied with how your request has been handled or would like to formally appeal against our response please address your concerns, in writing, to the Freedom of Information Team at NHS Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group at Lockton House, Clarendon Road, Cambridge CB2 8FH: Telephone: 01223 725400
email: CAPCCG.freedomofinformation1@nhs.net

If, after we have addressed your concerns, you remain dissatisfied with how the CCG has responded, you are entitled to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF. Further details can be found at www.ico.gov.uk.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any further assistance.

Yours sincerely



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