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Dear Mr Nicholson

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 received on 31st July 2018 by NHS Ashford Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). The information you have requested is listed below together with the response:

1. How many adults in your CCG currently receive NHS Continuing Healthcare?

I can confirm NHS Ashford CCG does hold this information. NHS Ashford CCG currently has 88 receiving Continuing Healthcare and 42 Fast Track.

2. How many adults in your CCG currently receive each of the following:

a) Fully funded NHS Continuing Healthcare packages of care?

I can confirm NHS Ashford CCG does hold this information. NHS Ashford CCG currently has 78 receiving Continuing Healthcare and 42 Fast Track.

b) Joint funded Local Authority / NHS Continuing Healthcare packages of care?

I can confirm NHS Ashford CCG does hold this information. The CCG considers that this information is exempt under Freedom of Information Act 2000, Section 40(2) (personal information) as disclosure of this level of detail could lead to the identification of individuals, which would be in breach of Data Protection legislation. Although I cannot confirm the exact figure I can confirm that the number in each of these categories is less than five.

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 introduces a broader concept of risk of personal identifiable information because its test for deciding whether personal data can be disclosed is whether disclosure to a member of the public would breach the data protection principles. This means that public authorities have to assess whether releasing apparently anonymised data to a member of the public would breach the data protection principles.

This is intended to ensure that public authorities take into account the additional information that a member of the public might have (information on the Web or in news reports, public



libraries, court records etc.) that could allow data to be combined to produce information that relates to and identifies a particular individual - and that is therefore personal data.

Low statistical values increase the likelihood of seemingly anonymised information being combined with other information to identify an individual.

c) NHS funded nursing care?

I can confirm NHS Ashford CCG does hold this information. NHS Ashford CCG currently has 258 patients receiving funded nursing care.

d) “Care at Home” NHS Continuing Healthcare packages care?

I can confirm NHS Ashford CCG does hold this information. NHS Ashford CCG currently has 20 receiving Continuing Healthcare and 19 Fast Track.

3. What was the total NHS Continuing Healthcare budget for adults in your CCG in the year 2017-18?

I can confirm NHS Ashford CCG does hold this information. For the financial year 2017-18, NHS Ashford CCG had a total budget of £8,502,108.00

4. What was the actual amount spent on NHS Continuing Healthcare for adults by your CCG in the year 2017-18?

I can confirm NHS Ashford CCG does hold this information. For the financial year 2017-18, NHS Ashford CCG had a total spend of £5,254,592.52 for Continuing Healthcare and £1,474,737.46 for Fast Track.

5. For each of the following categories, what was the actual amount spent by your CCG in the year 2017-18 for those adults in receipt of:

a) Fully funded NHS Continuing Healthcare packages of care?

I can confirm NHS Ashford CCG does hold this information. For the financial year 2017-18, NHS Ashford CCG had a total spend of £4,667,657.03 for Continuing Healthcare and £1,474,737.46 for Fast Track.

b) Joint funded Local Authority / NHS Continuing Healthcare packages of care?

I can confirm NHS Ashford CCG does hold this information. NHS Ashford CCG had a total spend of £95,252.87 for Continuing Healthcare.

c) NHS funded nursing care?

I can confirm NHS Ashford CCG does hold this information. NHS Ashford CCG had a total spend of £2,177,788.22 for Continuing Healthcare.

d) “Care at Home” NHS Continuing Healthcare packages of care?

I can confirm NHS Ashford CCG does hold this information. NHS Ashford CCG had a total spend of £1,258,501.34 for Continuing Healthcare at home and £353,040.70 for Fast Track care at home.



6. What is your CCG's total NHS Continuing Healthcare budget for adults for the year 2018-19?

I can confirm NHS Ashford CCG does hold this information. For the financial year 2018-19, NHS Ashford CCG had a total budget of £9,033,440.00

7. What is your CCG's total anticipated NHS Continuing Healthcare budget for adults for the year 2019-20?

I can confirm NHS Ashford CCG does not currently hold this information.

8. What is your CCG's total anticipated NHS Continuing Healthcare budget for adults for the year 2020-21?

I can confirm NHS Ashford CCG does not currently hold this information.

9. What activities are being undertaken to prepare all appropriate staff for the implementation of the revised National Framework for NHS Continuing Healthcare which takes effect from 1st October 2018?

With regards to the Re-launch of the National Framework, NHS Ashford CCG can confirm NEL CSU CHC staff have attended 'train the trainer' workshops, which were facilitated by NHS England.

With regards to the revised National Framework, NHS Ashford CCG can confirm the NEL CSU Deputy Director of Continuing Healthcare and Placements and the Deputy Head of Placements have attended workshops facilitated by NHS England.

NEL CSU staff have a clinical team meeting in September, which is to be dedicated to the launch of the Framework. All NEL CSU staff have had all appropriate links to enable them to familiarise themselves with the revised Framework.

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 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 Ashford 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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