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Oliver Staunton
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Dear Mr Staunton

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Public Interest Test

Request

I was wondering if I could please request details of payments made to pharmacies for locally commissioned NHS or private services, for example smoking cessation, emergency hormonal contraception, supervised consumption of medicines, & needle exchange services.

If you could kindly provide this in spreadsheet(s) format, with a breakdown by pharmacy (name and address), month, service, and payment, I would greatly appreciate it (if you also have the ODS code identifier for the pharmacy, then please kindly include this also). If possible, details of the most recent 12 months worth of payments.

Response

We are writing to let you know that we consider your request for information may be subject one or more exemptions from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

Specifically we are considering whether to apply the exemption shown below to some part of your request. Before this particular exemption can be applied, NHS Sheffield CCG is obliged by the same Act to test whether the public interest lies in disclosing or withholding the information.

- Section 43 – Commercial Interest. This exempts disclosure of information which is prejudicial to the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).



Chair: **Dr Tim Moorhead**



Accountable Officer: **Maddy Ruff**

As allowed under Section 17 subsection 2 (b) of the same Act, we now require extra time to consider the public interest in disclosing and withholding the information. If the outcome of the test shows that the information should be disclosed, this will prevent the above-named exemption from being applied on that piece of information. However if the test shows that the particular piece of information should be withheld, this will allow the above-named exemption to be applied.

We now require extra time to consider the public interest in disclosing the information. We estimate that we will have reached a decision by **31st August 2018**, at which time we will write to you informing you of our decision.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request an internal review of our decision you should write to the Freedom of Information Lead, NHS Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group, 722 Prince of Wales Road, Darnall, Sheffield S9 4EU, quoting the reference number above.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, with regards to this Freedom of Information request, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. The Information Commissioner will not investigate your case unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Re-Use of Public Sector Information

If you wish to re-use the information you have requested, in whole or in part, please write to the Freedom of Information Lead, NHS Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group, 722 Prince of Wales Road, Darnall, Sheffield, S9 4EU, quoting the reference number above, stating the purpose(s) you wish to re-use the information for. You will receive a response within 20 working days of receiving your request with any conditions and charges that relate to the re-use of the information. These will be determined in line with the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2005 (SI 2005 No. 1515).

Yours sincerely



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Freedom of Information (FOI) Lead
NHS Sheffield CCG