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Dear Mr Caswell

Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Ref no: FOI-2285-HER-WOR

Thank you for your request dated 12 April 2022.

We can confirm that the CCG does hold part of the information you requested.

Please find our response to your questions below:

Q1	Your Question: Who commissions the Pulmonary Rehab services your patients have access to and who provides these services?
	Our Response: NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire CCG commissions the services. Worcestershire Acute Hospitals Trust Wye Valley NHS Trust
Q2	Your Question: When did the services first commence?
	Our Response: The CCG do not hold this information as this service commenced before the creation of the CCG prior to April 2013.
Q3	Your Question:

	How many patients have been referred to the service in the last 12 months and 24 months of data held?
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>The COVID pandemic has changed the referrals and delivery of the service during the last two years, and it is not representative to pre-pandemic periods. During the pandemic activity levels haven't been reported and the CCG does not have access to the patient level referral information.</p>
Q4	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Of these being referred how many have actually attended the service in these same time periods?</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>The CCG does not have access to the patient level information</p>
Q5	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>How long does the average patient stay within the services?</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>Approximately 6-8 weeks</p>
Q6	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>What is the current waiting list size for the service?</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>The CCG does not have access to the patient waiting list</p>
Q7	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>What is the current remaining contract durations for these services?</p>
	<p>Our Response:</p> <p>The service is part of the core NHS Standard Contract with the Trust. This year (2022/23) it is a one year contract (to take into account the change of commissioner status from CCG to Integrated Care Board - ICB and Integrated Care System - ICS).</p>
Q8	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>Has the CCG ever commissioned Digital Respiratory Services?</p>

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- If so were these for Pulmonary Rehab?- If so who were the providers?- If so how many patients have utilised this digital element? |
| | <p>Our Response:</p> <p>The CCG have piloted an approach during 2020/21, and would like to expand on this, looking to make it a key part of delivery.</p> <p>Yes, these were for Pulmonary Rehab</p> <p>Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust are developing their own virtual pulmonary rehab, i.e. designing the sessions and offering to their patients remotely.</p> <p>Data not held by CCG until evaluation towards the end of this year.</p> |

Right of Appeal

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are dissatisfied with the response, you are entitled to request an internal review which should be formally requested in writing and must be within two calendar months from the date this response was issued.


To request an internal review

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Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely



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