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Dear Mr Card

RE: ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS REQUEST

Thank you for your request for information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 received on 23rd April 2019 by NHS Thanet Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). The information you have requested is listed below together with the response:

In March 2018 your Chair was asked to question a ccg member concerning Thanet District Council compliance with Joint Planning statutory duties under the 2007 and 2012 acts Please disclose

- (1) Your record of disclosing this to the JCCG stroke unit decision process**
- (2) The result of the interview and any consequent correspondence to Thanet Council.**
- (3) Your response when in September 2018 Thanet District Council received letter of claim with aim of seeking a mandatory order of the High Court to comply with their statutory duties including those under the 2012 act for CCG planning**

Clarification Requested:

- 1. Please can you confirm if you are referring to the chair of the CCG and asking for information about actions taken by the chair regarding planning duties**
- 2. Please can you confirm if you are referring to the minutes from the March 2018 Governing Body Meeting, where there were question relating to Stroke, and confirm whether or not these were the questions being referred to.**

1st Clarification Received

I am referring to the request to your Thanet Chair MARCH 2018 to question member Clive HART about breaches of (Rule8) statutory duties to report environmental hazards to health.

This request was some weeks before your chair attended a meeting about stroke units with Thanet District Council circa 5th April 2018

2nd Clarification Received:

https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/rose_v_thanet_ccg_2014_adverse_d#incoming-1093356

Your response there seems to have neglected that it is a statutory duty on Thanet District Council (Rule 8) to report environmental hazards to health. And your duty I assume under 2006 and 2012 acts. re clinical anticipation etc

I followed up your FOI response by reporting to your then Chair as I wrote above

In the environmental hazards to health there are cyclohexanone and polychlorinated biphenyls and toxic residue of firefighting foam. All of which were and are also over water supply aquifers. So their chemical toxins do not recognise a barrier to cross from environment and take up residence in population livers lungs thyroids in the body these are superpersistent etc

At the moment your Sec of State for Health is not answering that the biggest health inequality of Thanet is they do not have a rticle 11 rights to safe water. the water has been unsafe 56 years to date And all I am asking the Sec of state is warranty the water coming out a QEQM taps And so far he can't

Because TDC were breaching statutory duties you were unable, even if you wished, to declare to court in Rose the colorectal cancer risk correlating to polychlorinated biphenyls

Clearly you knew the problem a year before the stroke unit decision was delivered.

3rd Clarification Received:

I am referring to correspondence sent March 2018 to Dr MARTIN. And what action he and CCG and his successors took

The CCG process was not consistent with law of statutory duties as TDC concealed environmental hazards to health. Currently this is being concealed from High Court contrary to law of adverse disclosure in the HASU judicial reviews.

During your delay the international Stockholm Convention has classified PFOA (Firefighting foam toxic residue. IE meaning Manston aquifer source of Thanet water supply) as "Annex A"

The implications of this may be huge. Not least epidemiology and blood testing. The USA are moving towards moving toxic threshold from 177 parts per trillion to 1 part per trillion.

The greatest health inequality in Thanet is they have had a compromised water supply for 56 years and counting. And are thus denied international rights to safe water. Your secretary of state has been asked to declare this to High Court and sign a statement of truth if he feels even QEQM water is fit for purpose, And that boy aint signing !!

There are two toxic contaminations that raise cholesterol. Professor Black years ago said things aint as simple as lifestyle factors and lifestyle advice This is such a case THANET

QEQM stands amid a weapons of mass destruction chemicals remediation. Alongside burials of toxic PCBs drawing water from a toxic source.

It makes no odds to me if your chair jumped ship after being told. The fact is he and hence CCG were told. And the fact is it is a matter subject of statutory duty.

I can confirm NHS Thanet CCG does not hold the above requested information. As far as the CCG is aware it has not been discussed during any CCG committee meeting and no information is held regarding your 3rd clarification.

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 Thanet 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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