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Our Ref: FOI 8141

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Dear Sir/ Madam

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Further to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding Termination of Pregnancy services, please see below our response to your request.

Request/Response:

1. Please confirm the organisations commissioned by the CCG to provide Termination of Pregnancy Services to your patients?
[British Pregnancy Advisory Service. National Unplanned Pregnancy Advisory Service.](#)
2. Please confirm the end dates of currently commissioned contracts?
[31st March 2021 for BPAS. No contract for NUPAS.](#)
3. Are any providers currently within an extension period of their contract?
[No.](#)
4. Were contracts awarded through a competitive tender process?
[No.](#)
5. What is the form of contract: AQP or sole provider?
[Sole Provider for BPAS and no contract for NUPAS.](#)
6. At what percentage of tariff is each provider delivering services?
[Whilst it is difficult to compare the national PBR tariffs with the local tariffs payable to BPAS, for early medical terminations it is circa 80% of national PBR tariff. For surgical terminations the average local tariff for BPAS is circa 20% of National PBR tariff. No detail held by the CCG for NUPAS.](#)
7. What activity numbers were delivered by each provider, by HRG code, over the past 12 months?
[The CCG does not hold this information. The detail below is available for BPAS:](#)

1.3. Service details

Services	Quarter 1		Quarter 2		Quarter 3		Quarter 4		YTD	
Pre-treatment	150	112%	141	121%	159	129%	164	117%	614	119%
Partial pre-treatment	19	14%	19	16%	12	10%	16	11%	66	13%
Telephone contraception counselling	46	34%	43	37%	42	34%	79	56%	210	41%
Early medical abortion (EMA)	84	63%	74	63%	105	85%	114	81%	377	73%
Medical abortion - up to 18 wks	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Medical abortion - 19 wks+	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Surgical CS - up to 14 wks	19	14%	21	18%	7	6%	9	6%	56	11%
Surgical CS - 15 wks+	0	0%	1	1%	0	0%	0	0%	1	0%
Surgical abortion LA	9	7%	9	8%	3	2%	2	1%	23	4%
Surgical GA - up to 14 wks	8	6%	5	4%	6	5%	4	3%	23	4%
Surgical GA - 15 wks to 18 wks	7	5%	6	5%	2	2%	4	3%	19	4%
Surgical GA - 19 wks+	7	5%	1	1%	0	0%	7	5%	15	3%
Post-abortion counselling	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Miscarriage services	1	1%	1	1%	2	2%	0	0%	4	1%
Examination under anaesthetic	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%

8. Please confirm the annualised actual contract values for each provider for 2019/20?
St Helens CCG Contract value for 2019/20 = £249,785 for BPAS. For NUPAS the spend was £11,620.
9. Please confirm who (if any) providers are providing ToP services to patients without a contract where a patient has exercised their right to choose a provider? What are the activity numbers delivered per provider?
The information requested is not held by the CCG.
10. What were the average wait times for providers over the past 12 months? (broken down by month and surgical/medical)
The information requested is not held by the CCG. The information provided below is not the level of detail requested but is what is available for BPAS (no data for NUPAS):-

2.2. Days from 'decision to proceed to treatment' to 'treatment' (target: 7 calendar days)

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Mean	4.7	4.6	4.4	4.6
Median	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
% within 7 days	70%	69%	74%	73%
% available	38%	36%	38%	32%

2.3. Days from 'first contact' to 'treatment'

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Mean	23.0	18.0	13.9	16.6
Median	21.0	14.0	12.0	14.0

11. Do any of the contracted providers sub-contract any parts of the service to an alternative provider? If so, who and what?

No.

12. Does ToP feature on the CCGs commissioning intentions?

No.

13. Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for this contract?

Julie Ashurst, Director of Commissioning, Primary Care and Transformation

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

We also wish to take this opportunity to inform you that a formal complaints and internal review process is available, which will be managed by a FOI Appeals Officer.

This can be formally requested and must be done within a reasonable period of time (3 calendar months) from the date this response was issued.

Where you are not satisfied with the response to a request for information that falls within the Environmental Information Regulations, you should make a representation for a review to FOI Appeals Officer, sthelensccg.foi@nhs.net within 40 days of receipt of the response.

If you are not satisfied with our review under the Freedom of Information Act or the Environmental Information Regulations, you may apply directly to the Information

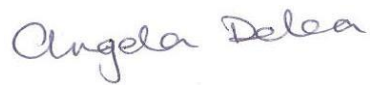
Commissioners Office (ICO) for a review of your appeal decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure.

The ICO can be contacted at;

ICO, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk

Should you need any further clarification or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely,



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