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Reply sent by email to: request-815957-e2db9799@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Oliver

Re: Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your email, dated 14 December 2021, making a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for access to information which may be held by NHS Greater Preston Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

Please find detailed below NHS Greater Preston CCG's response to your request, which is formatted as follows:-

1. Details of NHS Greater Preston CCG's decision in regard to the information requested.
2. A schedule of all the records covered by your request.
3. A statement concerning copyright and re-use of public sector information.
4. Details of how you can appeal this decision should you wish to do so.

This letter addresses each of these parts in turn:-

1. Decision

I can confirm that NHS Greater Preston CCG does not hold the information requested.

2. Schedule of records/FOI response

Request:

- 1) How many FTE members of staff does your tier 3 weight management service employ, what position and by what grade are these
- 2) How often does this service operate
- 3) How many patients have been referred from your PCO (CCG or Health Board) to a tier 3 weight management service in the past 12 months
- 4) If you commission this service, what was the total number that were referred from other PCO's (Other CCG's or Health Boards).
- 5) If your PCO has a tier 3 weight management service, what type of contract is in place (EG, block contract, blended contract)

- 6) As per the Endocrinology GIRFT report, what plans does your PCO have to undertake the specific actions outlined in the report? What timelines have been applied?
- 7) Have you adopted the local enhanced service for referrals to weight management

Response:

NHS Chorley and South Ribble CCG and NHS Greater Preston CCG does not hold this level of information.

NHS Chorley and South Ribble CCG and NHS Greater Preston CCG have an interim solution whereby we commission part of a Tier 3 weight management pathway from a Tier 4 provider.

The CCG's have bid for NHS England and Improvement (NHSEI) funding linked to the national spending review, part of which is centred around a national plan for obesity and includes Tier 3 weight management. The CCGs await the outcome and if successful in securing the necessary funding, the CCGs will commission a specialist Tier 3 service.

The Lead commissioner for the Tier 4 provider is NHSEI. You may be able to request further information from NHSEI via the below link.

[NHS England » How to make a Freedom of Information request to NHS England](#)

3. Copy and reuse of public sector information provided in FOI response

Most of the information provided by NHS Greater Preston CCG in response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 requests will be subject to copyright protection. In the majority of cases the information will be owned by NHS Greater Preston CCG. The copyright for other information may be owned by another person or organisation, as indicated in the information itself: in this case you must apply to the copyright owner to obtain their permission.

You are free to use any information supplied for your own use, including for non-commercial research purposes. It may also be used for the purposes of news reporting. However, any other type of re-use, for example, by publishing the information or issuing copies to the public will require the permission of the copyright owner.

4. Right of appeal to FOI response


If you are dissatisfied with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you are entitled to complain in the following way:

Initially you should complain in writing to the freedom of information officer, either by email on gpccg.foi@nhs.net or post to Chorley House, Lancashire Business Park, Leyland, PR26 6TT, specifying why you feel you have been wrongly denied access to the information requested. The freedom of information officer will ensure your complaint is

investigated under NHS Greater Preston CCG's internal processes and provide you with a written response within 20 working days.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by NHS Greater Preston CCG.

Yours sincerely



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