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Dear Ms Knipe

Your Request for Information

I am writing in response to your recent request that we received on 11 August 2020, in which you requested the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Information Requested/Response

Please see as below FOI request questions for completion:

1. Please confirm the organisations commissioned by the CCG to provide Vasectomy Services to your patients?
[Spire Healthcare were commissioned by NHS East Riding of Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group \(CCG\) to provide vasectomy services, however, due to the current Covid-19 pandemic all independent sector providers have been contracted nationally by NHS England to provide services.](#)
2. Please confirm the end dates of currently commissioned contracts?
[Due to the current pandemic there is no local contract with Spire Healthcare.](#)
3. Are any providers currently within an extension period of their contract?
[Not applicable.](#)
4. Were contracts awarded through a competitive tender process?
[Due to the current pandemic there is currently no local contract with Spire Healthcare.](#)
5. What is the form of contract: AQP or sole provider?
[Not applicable.](#)
6. At what percentage of tariff is each provider delivering services?
[Not applicable.](#)

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7. What activity numbers were delivered by each provider, over the past 12 months?
Data from November 2019 to March 2020 shows 102 were delivered by Spire Hospitals.
8. Please confirm the annualised actual contract values for each provider for 2019/20?
Not applicable.
9. Please confirm who (if any) providers are providing Vasectomy 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?
Please find in the table below information held by the CCG for Vasectomy procedures carried out in a secondary care setting (either admitted or as an Outpatient Procedure) by Provider for the period 1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020.

Please note however, there is a high likelihood that this is incomplete as these minor procedures can be carried out in a Community or Primary Care setting for which the CCG do not hold the information.

Provider	Total
Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust	6
Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	*
Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust	*
Spire Healthcare	102
York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	*

* I can confirm that the CCG considers some of the above information is exempt under section 40 (personal information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), as the information constitutes third party data. Section 40(2) provides that personal data about third parties is exempt information if one of the conditions set out in section 40(3) is satisfied. Under the FOIA disclosure of this information would breach Data Protection Principles contained within Data Protection Legislation, where it would be unfair to that person or is confidential.

In this case the numbers would be so small (5 or less) that the CCG believes it may be possible to identify individuals as a result of disclosure, therefore where this is the case this has been shown as an *.

10. What were the average wait times for providers over the past 12 months? (broken down by month) 11. Do any of the contracted providers sub-contract any parts of the service to an alternative provider? If so, who and what?

I can confirm that NHS East Riding of Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) holds this information. The information is exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), because the information is reasonably accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain at:

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Waiting Times information by provider by specialty is published on the NHS England website at:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/rtt-waiting-times/rtt-data-2020-21>

11. Does Vasectomy feature on the CCGs commissioning intentions?

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Vasectomy under General Anaesthetic is included link to the policy below

<https://www.eastridingofyorkshireccg.nhs.uk/data/uploads/commissioning-statements/humber-wave-2-single-policy-document-01.01.2020.pdf>

12. Do your current Vasectomy contracts include Post Vasectomy Semen Testing included in the tariff amount?

Not applicable.

13. Does your current vasectomy wait times exceed 18 weeks?

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

William Uglow – Assistant Director of Planned and Primary Care

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Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need any further assistance. You can find out more information about our Clinical Commissioning Group by visiting our website www.eastridingofyorkshireccg.nhs.uk.

Yours sincerely

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