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Our Ref: ID 1755

Dear Ms Knipe,

Re: Freedom of Information Request - Vasectomies

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 1st September 2020.

You Asked for:

1. Please confirm the organisations commissioned by the Clinical Commissioning group (CCG) to provide Vasectomy Services to your patients.
2. Please confirm the end dates of currently commissioned contracts.
3. Are any providers currently within an extension period of their contract?
4. Where contracts awarded through a competitive tender process?
5. What is the form of contract: Any Qualified Provider (AQP) or sole provider?
6. At what percentage of tariff is each provider delivering services?
7. What activity numbers were delivered by each provider, over the past 12 months?
8. Please confirm the annualised actual contract values for each provider for 2019/2020.
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?
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?
12. Does Vasectomy feature on the CCG's commissioning intentions?
13. Do your current Vasectomy contracts include Post Vasectomy Semen Testing included in the tariff amount?
14. Does your current vasectomy wait times exceed 18 weeks?
15. Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for this contract

Our Response:

1. Bridgewater Family Planning Service Ltd provide the service.
2. The current contract expires on 31st March 2021.
3. No.
4. No, this contract was a roll forward from Primary Care Trusts.
5. Sole provider.
6. The local tariff is circa 76% of the national Payment by Result (PbR) tariff.

7. Please see below:
- Vasectomy Counselling - 424
 - Local Anaesthetic Vasectomy Procedures - 314
 - Post Vasectomy Semen Analysis – 314
8. £100,175.
9. Not applicable, please see the answer to question 1.
10. This information is not available on a monthly basis but is reported on a quarterly basis with 100% compliance each quarter.
- Initial contact must be made with the patient within one week of receipt of a referral - 100%.
 - Counselling/assessment for the patient must commence within two weeks of receipt of referral - 100%.
 - The operation must be available within four weeks of the receipt of referral - 100%.
11. Yes, the post-operative semen testing is sub-contracted to Hewitt Centre for Reproductive Medicine.
12. No.
13. Yes.
14. Yes, with the current pause on service delivery due to COVID19, the service is now re-established and is working its way through any backlog of patients who have been waiting for surgery since February/March 2020.
15. Not applicable.

We hope this information is useful, however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team (contact details at the top of this letter)

Yours sincerely



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