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Dear Requester

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - RESPONSE

FOI Reference: OPTUM FOI 400-784– LE CCG

I refer to your email received on 27 September 2019. I can confirm on behalf of NHS Lincolnshire East Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) supported by Optum Commissioning Support Services, and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we neither confirm nor deny we hold the information you have requested. A response to each element of your request is detailed below:

REQUEST & RESPONSE

- 1.0 I would like to request the finance costs (both revenue and capital) incurred in complying with the EU exit operational readiness guidance issued on 21 December 2018 by the Department of Health and Social Care.

This guidance asks NHS trusts and clinical commissioning groups to: “Record costs (both revenue and capital) incurred in complying with this guidance. Costs with a direct financial impact should be recorded separately to opportunity costs.”

The guidance can be accessed here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/768077/eu-exit-operational-readiness-guidance.pdf

Please can this information:

- (a) Be provided from 22nd December 2018 to the date of this FOI 26 September 2019
- (b) Split the costs into a) direct financial impact and b) opportunity costs

RESPONSE

NHS Lincolnshire, together with partners in NHS Lincolnshire East CCG’s Local Resilience Forum holds information on a wide range of subjects to enable contingency planning. This information includes considerations relating to the UK exit from the European Union. However, I can neither confirm nor deny whether we hold the specific information that you have requested.

We are not obliged to confirm or deny whether we hold the information you have requested as this would prejudice or be likely to prejudice the effective conduct of public affairs. Section

36(3) of the Act provides that there is no duty to confirm or deny whether we hold the information.

Further advice on FOI is on the website of the Information Commissioner, see for example:

https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1166/when_to_refuse_to_confirm_or_deny_section_1_foia.pdf

https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1175/section_36_prejudice_to_effective_conduct_of_public_affairs.pdf

I trust that this answers your queries with the information we currently hold, but if we can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Team.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to

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If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the CCGs.

The Information Commissioner's contact details can be found here:

<https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

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Yours faithfully

FOI Team
On behalf of NHS Lincolnshire East CCG