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21st January 2020

Dear Requester

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - RESPONSE

FOI Reference: OPTUM FOI 400-850– LE CCG

I refer to your email received on Monday 30th December 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 do not hold the information you have requested. A response to each element of your request is detailed below:

REQUEST

- 1- How many Nurse Assessors were directly employed by LECCG to carry out NHS Continuing Healthcare Assessments for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019? Please list by year.**

RESPONSE: The CCG does not hold the information you have requested as Nurse Assessors were not employed by Lincolnshire East CCG. Nurse assessors were employed by NHS Arden & GEM CSU until 31st March 2019.

From 1st April 2019 all assessors were employed by Lincolnshire West CCG.

If you would like to submit a Freedom of Information request to NHS Arden & GEMCSU, please contact NHS England on 0300 311 2233 or email england.contactus@nhs.net

If you would like to submit a Freedom of Information request to NHS Lincolnshire West CCG please write to: Freedom of Information Team, NHS Arden and Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit, Scarsdale, Nightingale Close, Newbold Road, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S41 7PF or email agcsu.foi.lincs@nhs.net

- 2- How many of those so employed actually carried out NHS Continuing Healthcare Assessments for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019? Please list by year.**

RESPONSE: The CCG does not hold the information you have requested, as the CCG did not directly employ Nurse Assessors, as explained in the response to question 1 above.

For further guidance on who to contact for further information, please refer to the response provided for question 1 above.

3- How many NHS Continuing Healthcare Assessments were carried out for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019 and how many of those were carried out by Nurse Assessors directly employed by LECCG? Please list by year.

RESPONSE Table 1 below details the number of NHS Continuing Healthcare Assessments carried out for the years 2017, 2018 and 2018 for all 4 CCGs in Lincolnshire. However, the table confirms the percentage of that total of assessments carried out on behalf of NHS Lincolnshire East CCG.

Table 1		Total	East	
All Four CCG's	1st January 2017 – 31st December 2017	3178	33%	Including Initial assessments 3 & 12 month reviews
All Four CCG's	1st January 2018 – 31st December 2018	2422	32%	Including Initial assessments 3 & 12 month reviews
All Four CCG's	1st January 2019 – 31st December 2019	2391	32.25%	Including Initial assessments 3 & 12 month reviews

Please Note: None of the above reviews were carried out by a Nurse Assessor employed directly by Lincolnshire East CCG.

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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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