

13th February 2020

Dear Requester

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - RESPONSE
FOI Reference: OPTUM FOI 400-869– LE CCG

I refer to your email received on 17 January 2020. 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 hold the information you have requested. A response to each element of your request is detailed below:

REQUEST & RESPONSE

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| In relation to East Lincs CCG and Northern Lincolnshire and Goole Foundation Trust. | |
| Is the funding, from the CCG, in relation to the Northern Lincolnshire and Goole Foundation Trust still available for ear wax removal for the period April 2019 to March 2020? | Funding for ENT outpatient procedures for Lincolnshire East patients at NLAG is still available. |
| Was funding (paid to N.L. and G.F.T.) available for ear wax removal at Marisco Medical Practice, Mablethorpe during 2019 and 2020. | LECCG commissions NLAG to provide ENT services to patients who are registered with Lincolnshire GP practices. LECCG does not specifically commission types of activity at specific sites. Clinicians employed at each site will decide what the clinical need of the patient is and where that can be delivered. |
| Has the funding been reduced during the past six months by the CCG. | There has been no change to the services that LECCG commission |
| Is there a budget from the CCG for ear wax removal available for the period April 2020 to March 2021. | LECCG, in line with all CCGs nationally, are currently looking at the services that need to be commissioned for the next financial year. With acute providers such as NLAG this will be at a specialty level (i.e. ENT) and will not be at an individual procedure level. As would be expected there is constant review of the services commissioned to ensure services are in line with current best practice, are safe for patients and provide value for money. |

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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FOI TEAM
South Kesteven District Council Offices
St. Peter's Hill
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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