

26th April 2019

Dear Requester

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - RESPONSE
FOI Reference: OPTUM FOI 500-604 – SWL CCG

I refer to your email received on 18 April 2019. I can confirm on behalf of NHS South West Lincolnshire 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:

ORIGINAL REQUEST

- Q1** **What services does the CCG currently commission from community pharmacies in your area?** (Please note, services may include minor ailments, smoking cessation, homeopathy, gluten-free prescriptions, vascular risk checks, Chlamydia screening, vaccinations etc.).
- Q2** **Has the CCG decommissioned any health services provided by community pharmacies in your area in the last year (April 2018 – April 2019)? If so, which ones?**
- Q3** **Where a meeting was held to discuss stopping funding for any community pharmacy services, please could you give me the following details:**
- a) The date of the meeting
 - b) A full list of the services discussed
 - c) A full list of the attendees
 - d) A copy of the minutes of the meetings
- Q4** **Have there been any discussions around future plans to decommission health services currently provided by community pharmacies in the CCG's area? If so, which services?**
- Q5** **Where such a discussion has been held, please could you give me the following details:**
- a) The date of the meeting
 - b) A full list of the services discussed
 - c) A full list of the attendees
 - d) A copy of the minutes of the meetings

RESPONSE:

With respect to Questions 1 – 5 submitted in this FOI request, please be advised community pharmacy is commissioned by NHS England. NHS England FOI team can be contacted via england.contactus@nhs.net

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

Optum Health Systems Support
FOI TEAM
South Kesteven District Council Offices
St. Peter's Hill
Grantham
NG31 6PZ

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 South West Lincolnshire CCG