

28th August 2019

Dear Requester

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - RESPONSE
FOI Reference: OPTUM FOI 500-676 – SWL CCG

I refer to your email received on 14 August 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 hold the information you have requested. A response to each element of your request is detailed below:

REQUEST & RESPONSE

1. Over the past three financial years (2016/17 to 2018/19 inclusive), in instances where your CCG has awarded contracts to private providers (i.e. non-NHS, independent sector providers, excluding charities and social enterprise) to provide NHS services, how many have been ended by the private providers before the end of the contracted period?

RESPONSE: None

Please provide the following details where possible:

- a. The name of the provider
RESPONSE: Not Applicable.
- b. The length and value of the contract, and the nature of the service being provided
RESPONSE: Not Applicable.
- c. The reason for the premature termination
RESPONSE: Not Applicable.
- d. The amount of time left to run on the contract at the point at which it was terminated
RESPONSE: Not Applicable.
- e. How continuity of service was guaranteed following the termination
RESPONSE: Not Applicable.
- f. If any termination payment was paid, and how much that payment was (i.e. was any money paid to compensate for the premature cancellation of the contract)
RESPONSE: Not Applicable.

2. Over the same period, has the CCG prematurely terminated any contracts with private providers to provide NHS services before the end of the contracted period?

RESPONSE: None.

As before, please provide details where possible.

RESPONSE: Not Applicable.

3. How many contracts in total has the CCG awarded to private providers over the same period?

RESPONSE: The information requested is published on the CCG's procurement register which is available here:

<https://southwestlincolnshireccg.nhs.uk/about-us/finances>

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
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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 South West Lincolnshire CCG