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South Kesteven District Council Offices,
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Lincolnshire,
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1st October 2019

Dear Requester

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - RESPONSE
FOI Reference: OPTUM FOI 500-702 – SWL CCG

I refer to your email received on 17 September 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:

ORIGINAL REQUEST

Please can you tell me the total amount (whether estimated or exact) your Clinical Commissioning Group spent on abortion provision in the calendar year 2018 (01/01/2018-31/12/2018)?

Terms: 'Abortion provision' refers to all abortion procedures, pre abortion counselling and post abortion care.

RESPONSE

In response to your request for information re costs of abortion provision in the calendar year 2018, please be advised the data provided below is taken from SUS national dataset for Acute hospital settings and invoices received from the British Pregnancy Advisory Service. Costs are estimated as follows:

The procedures costs, any gynaecology appointments from referral to treatment time, or, where referral date is not recorded, and gynaecology appointment up to 31 days prior to the procedure. Costs also include any gynaecology appointments up to and including 31 days after the procedure.

	Total Cost
04Q: NHS South West Lincolnshire CCG	165,290

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 South West Lincolnshire CCG