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28<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Requester

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - RESPONSE**  
**FOI Reference: OPTUM FOI 500-790 – SWL CCG**

I refer to your email received on 10 October 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:

**REQUEST**

As an independent researcher I am in the process of gathering and analysing healthcare data, and am currently looking to ascertain the number and percentage of nurses within each CCG in the UK who are trained and available to care for Clozapine patients. This data doesn't appear to be accessible in any single, compiled forum, so I would therefore be very grateful if you could furnish me with that information in relation to your CCG area.

**RESPONSE**

In response to your FOI request detailed above, please be advised the CCG does not hold the information you have requested and is unable to provide you with the number and percentage of nurses within the CCG who are trained and available to care for Clozapine patients. This is because the Nursing Staff in our CCG do not provide care. They are employed in a commissioning capacity. You may be better placed contacted providers directly for the information you require.

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/>

All information we have provided is subject to the provisions of the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015. Accordingly, if the information has been made available for re-use under the [Open Government Licence](#) (OGL) a request to re-use is not required, but the licence conditions must be met. You must not re-use any previously unreleased information without having the consent from the CCG. Should you wish to re-use previously unreleased information then you must make your request in writing (email will suffice) to the FOI Lead. All requests for re-use will be responded to within 20 working days of receipt.

Yours faithfully

**FOI Team**

**On behalf of NHS South West Lincolnshire CCG**