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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DECISION NOTICE

Dear Requester

FOI Reference Number: 001970

I refer to your emails of 4th September 2020 requesting information in respect of funding available for the assessment of mobile arm supports i.e. something that can be mounted to a table or wheelchair to allow someone to feed themselves or access an environmental control.

I can confirm on behalf of NHS Lincolnshire CCG and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information that you have requested. A response to each element of your request is detailed below.

Established on 1 April 2020, the CCG is a newly formed public sector organisation, though we hold information pertaining to NHS Lincolnshire East, NHS Lincolnshire West, NHS South Lincolnshire and NHS South West Lincolnshire CCGs which date back to April 2013. Where appropriate for the request we have indicated below which of the above previous organisations the information relates to.

REQUEST AND RESPONSE

FOI Reference Number: 001970	RESPONSE
1. Do you fund the assessment of Mobile Arm Supports?	Funding for MAS is not identified as a bespoke service and therefore does not have a designated funding budget allocated to it. If patients require an assessment for any clinical need, they will receive this from the appropriate professional which could be a Doctor, Physiotherapist, Occupational Therapist and so on
2. If yes, do you then fund the provision of Mobile Arm Supports?	If a clinical need exists, then the equipment should be provided
3. If yes, what is the eligibility criteria?	The decision will be based on clinical need and the judgement of the clinician making the assessment
4. Have personal health budgets been used towards the provision of Mobile Arm Supports?	No – we can confirm mobile arm supports have not been funded through Personal Health Budget (PBH) funding.
5. If no, is funding sought privately or from a charitable grant?	Not that the CCG is aware of.

I hope that this answers your queries with the information we currently hold, but if I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mr Sean Lyons, CCG Chair
Mr John Turner, Chief Executive

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:

Arden & GEM Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit
FOI TEAM, Room 18
Scarsdale Hospital
Chesterfield
S41 7PF

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 the CCG.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: telephone 0303 123 1113,
email casework@ico.org.uk and <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

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Yours faithfully

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Information Governance Officer

On behalf of
NHS Lincolnshire CCG