

15 August 2018

Dear

**Re: Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: CAS-03688-J1D9F7-NS (NHS North Staffordshire CCG)**

Thank you for your correspondence dated 1 August 2018 making a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for information which may be held by NHS North Staffordshire CCG.

You requested the following information and our response is detailed in the attached document:

I work for the Spinal Injuries Association (SIA), the leading national user-led charity supporting spinal cord injured people and their families. Being a user led organisation SIA understand the challenges of living with a spinal cord injury (SCI). We strive to support all people living with SCI to access the services and support they need to stay healthy and live full, fulfilling and active lives.

Part of my role is to assist the Head of Public Affairs with FoI requests, such as the one that follows. As a request under the Freedom of Information Act, please provide the following information about the provision of NHS Continuing Healthcare for adults by your Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG):

1. How many adults in your CCG currently receive NHS Continuing Healthcare?
2. How many adults in your CCG currently receive each of the following:
 - a) Fully funded NHS Continuing Healthcare packages of care?
 - b) Joint funded Local Authority / NHS Continuing Healthcare packages of care?
 - c) NHS funded nursing care?
 - d) "Care at Home" NHS Continuing Healthcare packages care?
3. What was the total NHS Continuing Healthcare budget for adults in your CCG in the year 2017-18?
4. What was the actual amount spent on NHS Continuing Healthcare for adults by your CCG in the year 2017-18?
5. For each of the following categories, what was the actual amount spent by your CCG in the year 2017-18 for those adults in receipt of:
 - a) Fully funded NHS Continuing Healthcare packages of care?
 - b) Joint funded Local Authority / NHS Continuing Healthcare packages of care?
 - c) NHS funded nursing care?
 - d) "Care at Home" NHS Continuing Healthcare packages of care?
6. What is your CCG's total NHS Continuing Healthcare budget for adults for the year 2018-19?
7. What is your CCG's total anticipated NHS Continuing Healthcare budget for adults for the year 2019-20?

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8. What is your CCG's total anticipated NHS Continuing Healthcare budget for adults for the year 2020-21?
9. What activities are being undertaken to prepare all appropriate staff for the implementation of the revised National Framework for NHS Continuing Healthcare which takes effect from 1st October 2018?

NHS North Staffordshire CCG do hold the information requested, and this is detailed in the attached document.

Please be advised that under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 – personal information, NHS North Staffordshire CCG is unable to provide specific detail regarding Joint funded Local Authority/CHC packages of care, as the figure is below five; releasing a low figure could inadvertently disclose personally identifiable information, which would breach data protection principles.

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Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response, or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact the FOI team to discuss. However, if you remain dissatisfied with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to request a review of our decision, this can be formally requested in writing and must be within a reasonable period of time (two calendar months) from the date this response was issued

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Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF
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Yours sincerely



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