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## **Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received into this office on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

### **You Asked for:**

1. Since the enactment of *The Health and Social Care Act 2012* what health services on Wirral have been privatised and who are the current providers of these services? Also what is the value of these contracts?
2. To date what NHS services on Wirral have been reduced or abandoned since 2012 and why?
3. Are there current plans to privatise more NHS services on Wirral? If yes please supply details.
4. Are there current plans in the future to ration or abandon any existing NHS services on Wirral? If yes please supply details.

### **Our Response:**

Please note that NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) did not become a statutory body until 1st April 2013 and therefore we would not hold information on contracts prior to this date.

With regards to the information for the period of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 to date, NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) consider that we are not obliged to comply with your request because we estimate the cost of complying with the request exceeds the appropriate limit under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Freedom of Information and Data Protecting (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 set out the appropriate limit at £450 for public authorities such as the CCG. The Regulations provide that the time spent on such activities should be calculated at the flat rate of £25 per person, per hour. The appropriate limit is therefore equivalent to 18 hours work.

In estimating the cost of complying with a request the public authority (CCG) can take into account the cost of determining whether information is held and locating, retrieving and

extracting the information requested. The estimated cost of dealing with requests which relate to the same or similar information can be aggregated together when estimating whether the appropriate limit would be exceeded.

However, if you are able to condense your request to focus on more specific information you require, we can review this further and liaise with our Contracts Team.

We hope this information is useful, however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team (contact details at the top of this letter).

Yours sincerely

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