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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

You asked:

Subject: Reporting of histology cases

During the financial year 2018/19, please state which of the following arrangements were used for reporting histology cases which were not reported by employed or locum histopathologists during their contracted Programmed Activities (PAs). Please also state the amount spent in each category used.

- a) Payment to own consultants for additional work outside contracted PAs. Method used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year.**

- b) Payment directly to another Trust/ NHS provider, or consultants employed by another Trust/ NHS provider for reporting. Method used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year.**

- c) Payment to a commercial company for reporting. Method used YES/ NO if YES £ amount spent in year.**

If the answer to c) above was yes, please state which of the following companies was used, and the amount paid to each of the following companies in relation to financial year 2018/19.

a) Backlogs Limited - Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year

b) Source Bioscience - Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year

c) LD Path - Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year

d) Cellular Pathology Services - Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year

e) Other – please state which Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year

How many Whole Time Equivalent histopathology consultants were in post on 31/3/19?

Subject: Procurement of GP Direct Access Pathology Services

Please list the pathology providers, including NHS organisations, which you used during financial year 2018/19 to provide GP direct access pathology services (list any provider with a spend in the year greater than £25,000)

Please provide the amount spent with each provider on GP direct access pathology during the year 2018/19.

Please state which of following methods for calculating payment best describes the contractual arrangement between the CCG and each provider

- Amount paid for direct access pathology not explicitly stated, ie included within larger overall contract
- Fixed payment amount for pathology agreed for the year
- Fixed payment amount agreed for the year, but adjusted if volumes are higher or lower than expected
- Payment calculated based on a cost per specialty, eg £X per blood science test, £Y per microbiology sample, £Z per histology case
- Payment calculated on a price per specific test, eg £X for Urea and Electrolytes, £Y for full blood count, £Z for MRSA test

Have the authority undertaken a procurement advertised via OJEU for GP direct access pathology during the past five years? If so, please provide link.

In response to the Histology and Pathology sections of your request please see below:

Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust and Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust have joined forces to create a joint pathology service called Pathology at Wigan and Salford.

This information required for the Histology and Pathology sections of your request should be held by Salford Royal NHS FT. Please submit a request to them by emailing FOIrequest@srft.nhs.uk or informationsecurity&dataprotection@srft.nhs.uk

Subject: Reporting of radiology

During the financial year 2018/19, please state which of the following arrangements were used for reporting radiology cases which were not reported by employed or locum radiologists during their contracted Programmed Activities (PAs). Please also state the amount spent in each category used.

- a) Payment to own consultants for additional work outside contracted PAs. Method used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year.

Yes - £153,743

- b) Payment directly to another Trust/ NHS provider, or consultants employed by another Trust/ NHS provider for reporting. Method used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year

Yes - £42,507

- c) Payment to a commercial company for reporting. Method used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year

Yes - £832,386

If the answer to c) above was yes, please state which of the following companies was used, and the amount paid to each of the following companies in relation to financial year 2018/19.

- a) Medica plc - Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year.

Yes - £155,003

- b) Telemedicine Clinic (TMC) - Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year

Yes - £458,241

- c) Radiology Reporting Online, also known as Everlight - Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year.

No

- d) Four Ways - Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year.

No

- e) Dulwich Medical- Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year.

No

- f) Other – please state which Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year.

Yes – Atlas Diagnostic Ltd - £219,142

Please note, with regard to the Outsourcing figures, this includes Radiology's On-Call / Out of Hours costs.

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Rob Forster
Deputy Chief Executive/Director of Finance

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