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Email:

Email: [foi@liverpoolccg.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@liverpoolccg.nhs.uk)

Dear,

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019, with regards to the commissioning of weight management services and inclusion of qualified psychologists.

Request

I am writing to you to request some information about the weight management services commissioned by your CCG to inform our policy development work in this area.

Specifically, I request:

1. The number of qualified Psychologists (FTEs) included in the service specification used during the procurement of NHS weight management services
2. The type of qualified Psychologist included (as above) and a brief explanation of their job responsibilities
3. The number of qualified Psychologists (FTEs) employed in multidisciplinary teams delivering weight management services at a) tier 1 b) tier 2 and c) tier 3
4. The type of qualified Psychologist employed in multidisciplinary teams at a) tier 1 b) tier 2 and c) tier 3 and a brief explanation of their job responsibilities.

Response

**We are unable to provide you with the information you have requested under section 1 (1)(a) of the FOI Act. This is because Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) does not hold the information you have requested as the service specification does not include the number of a particular type of clinician.**

**The service providers may be able to provide a response to your questions.**

**Tier 1 – The responsible commissioner is Liverpool City Council**  
[informationrequests@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:informationrequests@liverpool.gov.uk)

**Tier 2 – The responsible commissioner is Liverpool City Council**  
[informationrequests@liverpool.gov.uk](mailto:informationrequests@liverpool.gov.uk)

**Tier 3 – This is provided by Aintree LOSS Service. Contact details for this service are available through the following web link** <http://www.aintreehospital.nhs.uk/our-services/a-z-of-services/weight-management/aintree-loss/>

**Tier 4 Providers – we do not hold the contact details for the Level 4 providers. This is because NHS Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group is not the lead commissioner. We are part of a Cheshire and Merseyside agreement. The FOI contact details for each provider are as follows:**

- **The University Hospitals of North Midlands –** [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)
- **Calderdale Hospitals –** [foi@cht.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@cht.nhs.uk)
- **Phoenix Health –** [enquiries@phoenix-health.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@phoenix-health.co.uk)

We wish to take this opportunity to inform you that a formal complaints and internal review procedure is available to applicants who are unhappy with responses provided to FOI requests. You can formally request an internal review within a reasonable period of time (2 calendar months) from the date this response was issued.

Where you are not satisfied with the decision of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) for a further review of that decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure in the first instance.

The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioners Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF  
[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Should you require any further information, clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

**Corporate Services Team**  
**NHS Liverpool CCG**