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29th August 2019

Email:

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Dear

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 1st August 2019, with regards to GP direct access pathology.

Request / Response:

1. 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)

Response: Liverpool Clinical Laboratories and ERS Medical

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

Response:

ERS Medical Monthly Collection Contract (GP Practices to The Royal) = £63,562.44

ERS Medical Ad-Hoc Collections (x2 practices to The Royal) = £1,820

Liverpool Clinical Laboratories = £9,893,319

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

- a) Amount paid for direct access pathology not explicitly stated, ie included within larger overall contract

Response: N/A

- b) Fixed payment amount for pathology agreed for the year

Response: ERS Medical Monthly Collection Contract

- c) Fixed payment amount agreed for the year, but adjusted if volumes are higher or lower than expected

Response: Liverpool Clinical Laboratories

- d) Payment calculated based on a cost per specialty, eg £X per blood science test, £Y per microbiology sample, £Z per histology case

Response: N/A

- e) Payment calculated on a price per specific test, eg £X for Urea and Electrolytes, £Y for full blood count, £Z for MRSA test

Response: ERS Medical Ad-Hoc Collections

4. Have the authority undertaken a procurement advertised via OJEU for GP direct access pathology during the past five years?

Response: No

5. If so, please provide link.

Response: N/A

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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,

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