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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Diagnostics.

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

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

Subject: Procurement of GP Direct Access Pathology Services

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)

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

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

b. Fixed payment amount for pathology agreed for the year

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

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

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

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

Subject: Reporting of radiology

During the financial year 2018/19,

1. 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).

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

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

c) Radiology Reporting Online, also known as Everlight Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
d) Four Ways Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
e) Dulwich Medical Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
f) Other – please state which Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year

Trust response:

Subject: Reporting of histology cases

a) Method used: batches of work (i.e. not per hour)/ Amount spent per year is not a recorded figure.

b) Not used

c) Not used

f) 16.59

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1. Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust

2. All NHS bodies are required to publish details of individual invoices and transactions that are over £25,000. This is in response to guidance from HM Treasury which sets out the scope of the data. Details can be found on our website using the following link: www.mtw.nhs.uk/about-us/our-quality-story/finance/

3.

a. Yes

f. No

Subject: Reporting of radiology

During the financial year 2018/19,

1. 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).

2. Please also state the amount spent in each category used.

a) YES per exam £467,811 spent in year

b) NO

c) YES - £60

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.

b) Telemedicine Clinic (TMC). The Trust is applying Section 43(2) FOIA which provides an exemption from disclosure of information which would or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it). This is a qualified exemption, and is therefore subject to the public interest test.

The Trust believes that the information requested contains details which would be likely to damage the companies ability to win new business opportunities for their services and to perform them within a commercially competitive market.

The Trust has concluded that the public interest in maintaining the exemption, and therefore protecting the commercial interests of the suppliers and preserving its ability to compete fairly in a commercial market, outweighs the public interest in disclosure in this case.

Supplier Transactions

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