



11 March 2019

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DECISION NOTICE

Dear Requester

FOI Reference Number: 000199

I refer to your email of 11 February 2019 requesting information in respect of weight management services.

I can confirm on behalf of Great Yarmouth and Waveney, North Norfolk, South Norfolk, Norwich and West Norfolk CCGs and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do hold some of the information that you have requested. A response to each element of your request is detailed below:

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

Great Yarmouth and Waveney CCG

1 - The number of qualified psychologists is not specified however resource requirements clearly state that the service must include an MDT clinically led team approach, potentially including physician (including consultant or GP with a special interest), specialist nurse, specialist dietician, psychologist, psychiatrist, and physiotherapist.

2 - The job responsibilities are not specified; however the CCG has included a copy of the specification in terms of the scope of the service and overall responsibilities.

3 - GYWCCG is only responsible for commissioning a Tier 3 Service. Please refer to the above response regarding number of FTEs.

4 - As above.

West Norfolk CCG

1 - The number of qualified psychologists was not specified see attached service specification.

2 - See above – the job responsibilities were not specified, however the CCG has included a copy of the specification in terms of the scope of the service and overall responsibilities.

3 - The CCG is only responsible for commissioning a Tier 3 Service. Please refer to the above response regarding number of FTEs.

4 - Please refer above.

Norwich CCG

1 - The number of qualified psychologists was not specified however resource requirements clearly stated that the service must include a qualified psychologist or equivalent with experience in managing obesity and binge eating.

2 - See above – the job responsibilities were not specified, however the CCG has included a copy of the specification in terms of the scope of the service and overall responsibilities.

3 - Norwich CCG is only responsible for commissioning a Tier 3 Service. Please refer to the above response regarding number of FTEs.

4 - Please refer above.

North and South Norfolk CCGs

1 - The number of qualified psychologists was not specified see attached service specification.

2 - See above – the job responsibilities were not specified, however the CCG has included a copy of the specification in terms of the scope of the service and overall responsibilities.

3 - Tier 3 is provided by Fakenham Medical Practice. The attached specification for this service provides for psychological support for all patients that are assessed to require it.

Additionally we can advise that Tier 1 services are not formally commissioned by the CCGs. Tier 1 refers to advice only that may be provided by a GP but also by voluntary groups to encourage self-help regarding exercise and diet. Tier 2 is commissioned by Public Health Norfolk who contract with 'Slimming World' to offer 12 sessions to help people lose weight.

4 - Please refer above.

I hope that this answers your queries with the information we currently hold, but if I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to

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If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided the CCG.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF, telephone 0303 123 1113, email casework@ico.org.uk

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Yours faithfully

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**On behalf of
Great Yarmouth and Waveney,
North Norfolk, South Norfolk
Norwich and West Norfolk CCGs**