



Freedom of Information request & West Norfolk CCG response

WN-2015-00155 – Clinical Audits on Home Oxygen Services

Please also refer to WN-2015-00155a – Clinical Audits on Home Oxygen Services

- 1. Provide the full details of the objective, scope and findings of any clinical audits that have been taken on the Home Oxygen Service in the past two years for your CCG or on behalf of the CCG**

The CCG confirms that it holds this information but withheld it following application of the relevant test under section 43(2) of the FOIA:

“Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it)”

The Information Commissioner’s relevant guidance states that:

“...a commercial interest relates to a person’s ability to participate competitively in a commercial activity, i.e. the purchase and sale of goods or services”

It is considered that the commercial interests of the providers would be likely to be prejudiced if we disclose the information requested. There is currently an active procurement so the disclosure of this information could prejudice this.

As this is a qualified exemption we must consider whether the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

The main factor in favour of withholding the information is set out in the exemption ie there is a strong public interest in ensuring that the commercial interests of the companies providing the services are not prejudiced. If such prejudice occurs it would undermine the ongoing re-procurement of this service.

Factors in favour of disclosure of the information are as follows:

- 1. Furthering the understanding of and participation in the public debate of issues of the day.*

2. Promoting accountability and transparency by public authorities for decisions taken by them and in the spending of public money.
3. Allowing individuals and companies to understand decisions made by public authorities affecting their lives.

The CCG considers that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

2. Provide the supplier's monthly KPI performance for the past two years for the CCG, or the region (if CCG is unavailable)

This information is not held by the CCG.

Provide the following information pertaining to the Home Oxygen Service for your CCG

3. The number of liquid oxygen patients for the CCG (latest data)

Please see response to question 1

4. The number of patients on each of the following:
 - Portable Oxygen Concentrators
 - Transportable Oxygen Concentrators
 - Self- Fill Concentrators for the CCG (latest data)

Please see response to question 1

5. The number of cluster headache patients for the CCG that are coded as such on their HOOF

Please see response to question 1

6. Copies of the minutes of the regional Service Review Meetings since Jan 2014, or as many of those that you have

This information is not held by the CCG.

Information relating to Home Oxygen Service Assessment and Review clinics for the CCG as per below:

7. Number of Home Oxygen Service Assessment Review services and of these:
 - a. How many do Long Term Oxygen Therapy assessment?
 - b. How many do Ambulatory oxygen assessment?

Please see response to question 1

8. Please complete the below table regarding Home Oxygen Service patient and spend data for your CCG.

HOME OXYGEN SERVICES – Region

Total annual invoiced cost excluding VAT and electricity for period: Apr 14 - Mar 15

<i>HOME OXYGEN SERVICES – Region – Eastern region</i>	
<i>CCG Name</i>	<i>Total annual invoiced cost excluding VAT and electricity for period: Apr 14-Mar 15</i>
<i>NHS West Norfolk CCG</i>	<i>£373,238</i>
<i>NHS Norwich CCG</i>	<i>£182,302</i>
<i>NHS South Norfolk</i>	<i>£233,870</i>

CCG	
NHS North Norfolk CCG	£198,210

- a. **Number of patients as at end of Mar 15**
- b. **Number of patients as at end of Mar 14**

Please see response to question 1

- c. **Number of patients as at end of Mar 13**
- d. **Number of patients as at end of Mar 12**
- e. **Number of patients as at end of Mar 11**

The CCGs only came into existence from 1 April 2013, information prior to this date is not held.