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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received into this office on 6th March 2015.

You Asked for:

In (a) 2013/14, and (b) the first three quarters of the financial year 2014/15, how many NHS-funded services were competitively tendered by your Clinical Commissioning Group, and of these: (i) how many went to the lowest bidder; (ii) how many changed from being previously provided by an NHS provider to being provided by a private provider; and, (iii) of those that went to the lowest bidder, how many changed from being previously provided by an NHS provider to being provided by a private provider?

ANSWER

1) Number of NHS-funded services that were competitively tendered by your CCG:

In 2013/14 1 and in Q1-Q3 2014/15 2

2) Number that went to the lowest bidder:

We only use most economic advantageous tender (MEAT criteria) not lowest cost

In 2013/14 and in Q1-Q3 2014/15

3) Number that changed from being previously provided by an NHS provider to being provided by a private provider:

In 2013/14 0 and in Q1-Q3 2014/15 1

4) Of those that went to the lowest bidder, number that changed from being previously provided by an NHS provider to being provided by a private provider: As before we do not use lowest price as a criteria for award

N/A please see answer to question 2

In 2013/14 _____ and in Q1-Q3 2014/15 _____

I hope this sufficiently answers your FOI enquiry however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the FOI team (contact details at the top of this letter).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "P. Edwards". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Paul Edwards
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