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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 12th September 2017.

You Asked for:

In each of the three years 2015, 2016 and 2017, what has been the average number of hours' care a week awarded under Children's Continuing Care in Wirral?

In each of the three years 2015, 2016 and 2017, how many children in Wirral have received over 20 hours' care a week funded under CCC?

Our Response:

Unfortunately NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group consider that we are not obliged to comply with your request because we estimate that the cost of complying with the request exceeds the appropriate limit under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 set the appropriate limit at £450 for public authorities such as the CCG. The Regulations provide that the time spent on such activities should be calculated at the flat rate of £25 per person, per hour. The appropriate limit is therefore equivalent to 18 hours work.

In estimating the cost of complying with a request the public authority can take into account the cost of determining whether information is held and locating, retrieving and extracting the information requested. The estimated cost of dealing with requests which relate to the same or similar information can be aggregated together when estimating whether the appropriate limit would be exceeded.

However if you are able to condense your request to advise of the specific information you require, we can review this further and liaise with our Finance Team to enable us to provide a response for you.

I hope this information is useful, however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team (contact details at the top of this letter)

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