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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding expenditure during covid-19 pandemic within NHS Southport and Formby CCG.

Request/Response:

1. How much have you been allocated by the £1.3bn fund to support faster patient discharges from hospital during the covid-19 pandemic?

£1.030m

** To note: The information has been completed as at Month 2 (31st May 2020) which is the latest reporting information available.*

2. How much have you spent of your allocation from the £1.3bn covid-19 discharge fund?

£0.429m

** To note: Not all costs relating to Hospital Discharges will be incurred by the CCG. The temporary financial arrangements in place for 2020/21 mean that NHS providers will incur costs directly. The CCG does not hold this information on expenditure incurred by providers.*

3. How much has your local authority contributed towards the £1.3bn covid-19 discharge fund?

£0.989m

4. How many care homes did you provide oxygen to as a result of covid-19 outbreaks between:

- a. March 1st to April 15th
- b. April 15th to June 16th

The North West HOS supplier is contracted to provide Home Oxygen Services on a 'named' patient basis only and as a consequence the NW HOS Contractor would not

supply oxygen equipment as a 'generic' supply to a Care Home. Declaring the number of patients in each Care Home in receipt of Home Oxygen specifically for COVID-19 may enable those patients to be identified and therefore under the data protection regulations this information cannot be shared. As this is patient data, we will not be disclosing this information and are applying an exemption under Section 40 of the FOI Act.

Section 40(2) provides that information relating to third parties is exempt information if one of the conditions set out in section 40(3) is satisfied. Under the FOIA disclosure of this information would breach the fair processing principle contained in the Data Protection Act (DPA), where it would be unfair to that person or if it is confidential.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption therefore is not subject to the public interest test.

5. How many covid-19 outbreaks have there been in care homes in your area from March 1, 2020 to date?

The Office of National Statistics routinely publishes this information. Please click on the following web-link where the information can be downloaded;
<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/deaths/datasets/numberofdeathsincarehomesnotifiedtothecarequalitycommissionengland>