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Via Email

Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request for Information – NHS North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB)

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 31 October 2022 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

For information Clinical Commissioning Groups ceased to exist on 30 June 2022. Services that were previously delivered by the CCG are now being delivered by the successor organisation NHS North East and North Cumbria (ICB). This covers the areas of County Durham, Newcastle Gateshead, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland and Tees Valley.

Details of Your Request:

- The process and decisions, including but not limited to the Clinical Commissioning and Contracts Committee meeting on 12 June 2019, taken in respect of NHS North Tyneside Clinical Commissioning Group's contractual relationship with Goalseeker Limited or GLSKR.com Ltd, with reference to the initial contract awarded on 31 January 2020 and subsequent contracts awarded in the period January 2020 to July 2020. (12 June 2019 is date of Clinical Commissioning and Contracts Committee)
- All and any correspondence between Mark Adams, Chief Officer for NHS North Tyneside Clinical Commissioning Group, Dr Lesley Young-Murphy, Chief Operating Officer and Director of Nursing, Anya Paradis, Director of Contracting & Commissioning, Jon Connolly, Chief Finance Officer, Dr Ruth Evans, Medical Director, Dr Shaun Lackey, Clinical Director, Philip Horsfield, Nominated Practice

Manager, Maureen Grieveson, Deputy Director of Nursing, Wally Charlton, Head of Improvement & Development, Jeff Goldthorpe, Head of Finance, Irene Walker, Head of Governance, Steve Rundle, Head of Planning & Commissioning, (all members of the NHS North Tyneside Clinical Commissioning Group) in relation to commissioning of services from Goalseeker Limited or GLSKR.com Ltd in the period 1 April 2019 to 24 November 2022.

- All and any correspondence addressed to me or issued from me in relation to Waiver Request forms in favour of Goalseeker Limited or GLSKR.com Ltd in the period 13 February 2020 to 30 June 2022.
- All written communication, notes of interviews, and any reports or findings, and any supporting documents used by or produced by Deloitte in regard to the independent fact-finding exercise commissioned by NHS England in August 2022 in the period 1 August 2022 to now.
- All and any correspondence between NHS North Tyneside Clinical Commissioning Group, the NHS North Tyneside Clinical Commissioning and Contracts Committee, and the North East and North Cumbria ICB and any employee or worker of any of these organisations and Ann Stringer Investigating Officer, including all notes, interviews, reports, findings or recommendations in the period 1 August 2022 to now.
- All and any correspondence between Sheryl Davidson, People Lead at NECS, HR Support to the Investigating Officer and Ann Stringer in the period 1 August 2022 to now.
- All and any correspondence between myself and Claire Riley, Designate Executive Director Corporate Governance, Commissions and Involvement, NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board in the period 1 June 2022 to now.
- All and any correspondence between Lesley Young Murphy and Claire Riley, Designate Executive Director Corporate Governance, Commissions and Involvement, NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board in the period 1 June 2022 to now.
- All and any correspondence between Samantha Allen, Chief Executive, North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board with Ann Stringer and/or Sheryl Davidson, and/or and Deloitte and/or any employee or worker of Deloitte, and/or any employee of NHS England in the period 1 August 2022 to now.

Our Response:

As you will be aware, some of your request is being dealt with as a Subject Access Request under the Data Protection Act 2018. Please note, that this response is in relation to the FOI elements which are being dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In accordance with section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we have estimated that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and is set at £450 for NHS bodies. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending more than 18 hours in determining whether the ICB holds the information and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

Please see the following calculations for data collection of this request:

1. *Manual extraction search for in scope documentation for all ICB staff identified in the original request = 29 hours.*
2. *Retrieving the information and extracting the in-scope information from all raw data received at point 1 = 57 hours.*

It has therefore been estimated that compliance with the request would take more than 86 hours x £25 = £2,150.00 and is therefore outside of the data collection limits.

With regards to your request, the ICB can confirm that the following information may be provided within the appropriate limit:

- *Clinical Commissioning and Contracts Committee meeting on 12 June 2019 minutes, taken in respect of NHS North Tyneside Clinical Commissioning Group's contractual relationship with Goalseeker Limited or GLSKR.com Ltd, with reference to the initial contract awarded on 31 January 2020 and subsequent contracts awarded in the period January 2020 to July 2020. (12 June 2019 is date of Clinical Commissioning and Contracts Committee).*
- *Waiver Request forms in favour of Goalseeker Limited or GLSKR.com Ltd in the period 13 February 2020 to 30 June 2022.*
- *Notes of interviews, and any reports or findings, and any supporting documents used by or produced by Deloitte in regard to the independent fact finding exercise commissioned by NHS England in August 2022 in the period 1 August 2022 to now.*

If you wish for the ICB to consider this request further, please let us know and your request will be treated as a new request; however, please be advised that some questions may be subject to exemptions under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the NHS ICB website <https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/>.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Senior Governance Manager using the contact details at the top of this letter quoting the appropriate reference number.

If you are not content with the outcome your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by The North of England Commissioning Support Unit.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow

Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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Any information we provide following your request under the Freedom of Information Act will not confer an automatic right for you to re-use that information, for example to publish it. If you wish to re-use the information that we provide and you do not specify this in your initial application for information then you must make a further request for its re-use as per the Re-Use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015 www.legislation.gov.uk . This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours sincerely

Pamela Coxon

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Information Governance Officer