

Quality and Governance Service

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Our Ref: CTFOI-750

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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Original Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information:

1. How many podiatrists did your trust employ in each of the following fiscal years 1) 2013-14; 2) 2014-15; 3) 2015-16; 4) Budgeted for 2016-17; all in (i) Working Time Equivalent and (ii) Headcount format
2. What was/is the total amount spent on podiatric services by your trust in each of the following fiscal years 1) 2013-14; 2) 2014-15; 3) 2015-16; 4) Budgeted for 2016-17?
3. Do you have any plans to increase your podiatric services?
4. How many referrals were made from NHS services to private podiatric services in each of the following fiscal years 1) 2013-14; 2) 2014-15; 3) 2015-16; 4) Budgeted for 2016-17, and how much did these referrals cost in each such year?

Our Response

1. The number of podiatrists as at 1st April for each of the years in question was:

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| 1 April 2013 | 24 |
| 1 April 2014 | 29 |
| 1 April 2015 | 27 |
| 1 April 2016 | 25 |

2.

| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
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| Cost Centre Code Desc | YTD Actual | YTD Actual | YTD Actual | YTD Actual |
| Podiatry | 1,376,213 | 1,318,590 | 1,416,410 | 1,458,680 |
| Podiatry - Liverpool AQP | 56,679 | 54,146 | 74,996 | 73,654 |
| TOTALS | 1,432,892 | 1,372,736 | 1,491,406 | 1,532,334 |

3. We work to a service specification set by the commissioners so the request would probably need to go to the CCG in order for them to respond to future commissioning intentions. In short, we need to work to the service specification set by the CCG and if they decided that expanding Podiatry services would meet the needs of the local population, then we would need to re-design our service appropriately to meet their expectations.
4. 0. We do not provide private services and we do not make any onward referrals to other private practitioners or organisations.



I trust this satisfies your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours Sincerely

Mark Greatrex
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