

FOI Request: FOIs, Forecast Expenditure, Systems & Contacts
Our Reference Number: 1314121

1.
a. The name of the organisation managing FOI requests,

The FOI service is provided by NHS Central eastern Commissioning Support Unit

- b. the number of FOI requests received in the first three months of the current financial year,**

Mid	CP&R	BBW	Thurrock	Southend
37	35	48	40	34

- c. the name & email address of the FOI Officer,**

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Under section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, a public authority does not have to release information if that information could be considered personal information. The email address you have requested falls into this category, so we have instead provided the FOI email address which can be used to contact the FOI lead.

- d. the name of the computer system used to record FOI / SAR Requests,**
e. the name of the computer system supplier,
f. the expiry date of the current contract and
g. the annual cost of the computer system;

N/A, FOIs & SARs are recorded on a spread sheet developed in Microsoft Excel.

2. **The total forecast expenditure during 2013/14 on patient placements within:**

- a. Continuing Healthcare & Funded Nursing Care – £13,627,000**
b. Mental Health – £2,923,339
c. Children – £291,000

3. **The names, email addresses and telephone numbers of the Responsible Officer for each area in question 2 and the name of the organisation managing each area.**

- a. Continuing Healthcare & Funded Nursing Care**
b. Mental Health
c. Children

Melaine Craig, Chief Operating Officer. All three areas are managed by Central Eastern CSU.

With regards to the contact details:

Under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, a public authority does not have to provide information where that information is considered personal information under the Data Protection Act 1998. We believe that the direct contact details you have requested falls into this category, and therefore will not be supplying this as a result.

Guidance states that personal information can be released where it is deemed the staff member in question is either public facing or senior/decision making, however, it also states that this should only be done where "the legitimate interest can only be met, or fully met, by the disclosure of information which

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identifies individuals". The CCGs feel that the legitimate interests of this request can also be fulfilled by providing the generic contact details of the organisation. These are available here:

<https://www.southendccg.nhs.uk/contact-us>

4. The Name, Annual Cost and Supplier Name of any computer systems used to record this data for each area in question 2, along with the expiry date of the current contract.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, a public authority does not have to provide information where it is felt that release of the information would prejudice the commercial interest of a third party. Therefore we will not publish the annual cost and expiry date of the current contract.

Continuing Healthcare & Funded Nursing Care;

A Microsoft Access database is used to record data. This is supported by a piece of software called Wizard, supplied by Sollis.

a. Mental Health (excluding patients now managed by the National Commissioning Board)

No specific computer system is used. Information is recorded in a spread sheet in Microsoft Excel.

b. Children.

Children, Young People & Maternity: No specific computer system is used. Data is recorded in a Microsoft Excel spread sheet.

Childrens Continuing Care: SystmOne (community module), supplied by TPP. There is currently no cost in the way of a licence fee for the use of SystmOne (Community Module) with this being made available under the National Program for IT.

We do not hold information in relation to a contract expiry date as the contract is managed externally to the CCGs. You should be able to obtain this information from the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC). Their FOI details are available here:

<http://www.hscic.gov.uk/foi>

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5. The email addresses of the CEO, Director of Finance and Director of Commissioning for each CCG;

With regards to the names of the above staff members:

Under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, a public authority does not have to provide information in response to a request when that information is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. The information you have requested can be accessed here:

<https://www.southendccg.nhs.uk/our-board>

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6. Relative to other CCG's in the country, would you estimate that the CCG is small, medium or large?

We do not hold this information. FOI is used to obtain facts; the size of the CCG is not known in relation to other CCGs in the country, therefore we are unable to provide an estimate.