

FOI Request: Expenditure on putting NHS Services Out To Tender
Our Reference Number: 1314405

1. Please provide details of expenditure (or a reasonable estimate) on putting NHS services out to tender in 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14 to date and please estimate total expenditure for the 2013/14.

With regard to 2011/12 and 2012/13:

The CCGs do not hold this information. Any services tendered in this period would have been done so under the former PCTs. This information will be available from the Department of Health, who have now taken responsibility for previous PCT records. Information on how to submit a FOI request to them is available here:

www.gov.uk/make-a-freedom-of-information-request

With regards to 2013/14:

The CCGs commission a procurement service from NHS Central Eastern CSU, which is where a lot of the work is carried out. Beyond this, it is not possible to estimate how much time each employee who is involved with a tender spends on it, however marginally they are involved. Therefore, the CCG will just be providing the amount they spend on the procurement service:

£120,000

2. Please state how many staff (FTE) currently work on NHS service tenders.

As of the 29th January 2014 there are 7.5 FTE employees working on NHS service tenders as part of the Central Eastern CSU procurement service covering the seven Essex CCGs. The service operates as a 'shared service' as part of the CSU, so it is not possible to split out the FTEs by each CCG.