

FOI Request: Service Level Agreement on Various Disease
Our Reference Number: 1314123

We would like to understand if the CCG have a contract/Service Level Agreement (SLA) in place with another organisation (e.g. CSU) for support with business intelligence and commissioning for the following disease areas: Musculoskeletal/Rheumatoid Arthritis, Cancer, Hepatitis, Schizophrenia.

If a SLA is in place in any of these disease areas, we would like to know:

Which organisation this arrangement is with

Central Eastern Commissioning Support Unit

What activities are sub-contracted (and where)

We have arrangements in place for the provision of BI services with CCG's but these are not structured in a way which directly relates to the four disease areas outlined. The provision of BI services relates to areas such as the provision of the following areas:

Data capture and warehousing, Data validation and processing, Activity and cost forecasting, Regular reporting, Regular benchmarking, Specific analytical activity, Data quality and improvement and support including PbR.

The datasets used by the team covers a range of areas relevant to health including national (e.g. SUS) and local data sets including local provider information.

The duration of the contract/SLA

All contracts between the Essex CCGs and NHS Central Eastern CSU commenced on 1st April 2013, until 30th September 2014.

The value of the contract/SLA

Under section 43 of 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.

We believe that release of the contract value for each service line would prejudice the commercial interests of both NHS Central Eastern CSU and the individual CCGs. Furthermore, release of the total contract value would prejudice the CCG's ability to obtain best value from the imminent market testing; it therefore passes the public interest test under the Act.

Any GP Leads for these 4 disease areas:

Musculoskeletal/Rheumatoid Arthritis - Dr Krishna Chaturvedi

Cancer, Hepatitis, Schizophrenia – There are no GP leads in these areas.