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Dear Sirs

Your Request for Information

I am writing in response to your recent request that we received on 24 November 2020 in which you requested the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Information Requested

How much money was spent with private mental health care providers by your CCG for patients who were referred for inpatient or outpatient services in the last four years (2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 so far)? Please break this down by:

- a) year of payment
- b) private provider who received payment and state how much was given
- c) If possible, service provided (ie inpatient treatment/ eating disorder care). However, if this bit goes over the cost threshold then please ignore it.

How many complaints has your trust received about the private providers you used in the last four years (2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 so far)? Please break this down by private provider (if possible) and say whether any of the complaints led to financial compensation for the patient, and if so how much was received. If further action was taken - such as cancellation of further contacts - please state this.

What is the most amount of money given to a private mental health care provider for a single patient in the last four years? Please say who received the payment and what specific issue it was for (ie rehabilitation, eating disorder support)

Response

I can confirm that some of the information you have requested is held by NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group as per the below information.

Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust may hold some of the information you have requested. If you have not already done so, then you may wish to write to them at: tewv.ftmembership@nhs.net. Please write "Freedom of Information" in the subject line.

The Vale of York CCG does have a contract with the Retreat for independent Sector Mental Health Services. However, patients placed with independent Sector Mental Health providers by our main Mental Health provider, TEWV, would be covered under our block contract and would not incur additional CCG charges.

So I can confirm that for the last 4 financial years (2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 April to date) we have,

The Retreat - £92,000 per financial year for Adult Autism and ADHD Assessments

Unfortunately we are unable to confirm how many complaints that the provider have had during the period above, or how many financial penalties have been applied (we haven't applied any). It is most likely that the provider would hold this information.

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If you have any concerns about the way your request has been handled; the operation of the Publication Schemes, the response received, or the 'exemption' decision, you should, in the first instance, contact me to try to resolve them. If you are not happy with the outcome, you can write to our Accountable Officer at the address above, within 40 days from the date of our response, to make a request for an internal review.

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can then write to the Information Commissioner:

FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Helpline telephone: 01625 545 745

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need any further assistance. You can find out more information about our Clinical Commissioning Group by visiting our website www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk

Yours sincerely

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