

24 May 2023

Laycock PDC
Laycock Street
London
N1 1TH
0203 198 9743
northcentrallondon.icb.nhs.uk

Dear Tina Ahang,

Reference: FOI.23.NCL044

Re: Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request under the *Freedom of Information Act 2000* (the Act). This response is provided by North Central London Integrated Care Board (ICB). Your request along with the ICB's response is detailed below.

1. Please set out how much money your integrated care board spent on hospice care for children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions between 6 April 2022 and 5 April 2023. Please provide a total, in addition to a breakdown of funding per children's hospice organisation.

Hospice care provider	Amount spent 2022/23 Spot purchase
Noah's Ark	£84,709.05
Buckets and Spades	£2,940
Richard House Hospice	£7,346.99
Total	£94,996.04

2. Please set out how many children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions who live in your integrated care board footprint accessed hospice care between 6 April 2022 and 5 April 2023. Please provide a total, in addition to a breakdown of funding per hospice organisation.

The number of individuals is 13, which is split between the organisations listed in Question 1.

Breakdown of individuals by organisation

NHS North Central London ICB does hold this information. The ICB considers that this information is exempt under *Freedom of Information Act 2000, Section 40(2) (personal information)* as disclosure of this level of detail could lead to the identification of individuals, which would be in breach of Data Protection legislation.

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 introduces a broader concept of risk of personal identifiable information because its test for deciding whether personal data can be disclosed is whether disclosure to a member of the public would breach the data protection principles. This means that public authorities have to assess whether releasing apparently anonymised data to a member of the public would breach the data protection principles.

This is intended to ensure that public authorities take into account the additional information that a member of the public might have that could allow data to be combined to produce information that relates to and identifies a particular individual - and that is therefore personal data. Low statistical values increase the likelihood of seemingly anonymised information being combined with other information to identify an individual.

Advice and assistance

The Hospice providers hold the information about the number of individuals receiving hospice care by their organisation. Please contact the providers listed in Question 1 directly.

3. Please set out how many children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions who live in your integrated care board footprint could benefit from children's hospice care.

NHS North Central London ICB does not hold this information.

The figures provided for Questions 1 and 2 above are mainly for Children and Young People that require end of life care and post bereavement support, which is commissioned on a spot purchase arrangement. There is some additional Hospice respite (short breaks) support commissioned by the ICB, Social care and directly by families using their continuing care direct payments.

4. Please set out how much money your integrated care board plans to spend on hospice care for children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions between 6 April 2022 and 5 April 2023. Please provide a total, in addition to a breakdown of funding per hospice organisation.

Please refer to the answer provided for Question 1.

Financial year 2023/24

NHS North Central London ICB is unable to forecast 2023/24 costings, as commissioning is on a spot purchase basis. The ICB continues to respond to all ad-hoc requests for end of life and bereavement support on a spot purchase basis in the current financial year.

Copyright and Re-Use of Public Sector Information

The information supplied to you continues to be protected by the *Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988*. You are free to use it for your own purposes, including any non-commercial research you are doing and for the purposes of news reporting. Any other re-use, for example commercial publication and subscription charge, would require the permission of the copyright holder. This can be obtained via an application for an open government licence (OGL) under the *Re-Use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015*.

Use of information expressly made available under this license indicates your acceptance of the terms and conditions as set out in the OGL. To make an application for re-use you must:

- Make a request in writing to the address below,
- State the name of the applicant and an address for correspondence,
- Specify the document to be re-used,
- State the purpose for which the document is to be re-used

Email

nclicb.foi@nhs.net

Postal address

North Central London ICB
Laycock PDC, Laycock Street,
London, N1 1TH

OFFICIAL

North Central London ICB Chair: Mike Cooke
North Central London ICB Chief Executive Officer: Frances O'Callaghan

For information where the copyright is owned by another person or organisation, you must apply to the copyright owner to obtain their permission to re-use. Further guidance for re-users can be found at:

<http://nationalarchives.gov.uk/documents/information-management/ogl-user-guidance.pdf>

NCL ICB complies with the *Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015* and we encourage the re-use of the information that we produce, hold and disseminate. We are open and transparent, and treat all applications to re-use in a fair and non-discriminatory way.

Privacy Notice (formerly known as Fair Processing Notice)

We will record your contact and request details in order to monitor and improve the service we provide and in order to discharge our statutory obligations under the Act. This information will be handled in accordance with the NHS Confidentiality Code of Practice and the *Data Protection Act 2018*.

Using personal data we provide

You are required not to use personal data which is provided to you for electronic marketing (telesales, fax, e-mail) to our staff and comply with the Privacy and Electronic Communications (EC Directive) Regulations 2003. Provision of such personal data in response to a Freedom of Information or Environmental Information request does not constitute consent from the individual concerned.

The *Data Protection Act* gives individuals rights to prevent processing likely to cause substantial unwarranted damage or unwarranted distress (section 10) and to prevent processing for the purposes of direct marketing (section 11). You should be aware that selling, giving or sharing of personal data could breach the *Data Protection Act*.

Review procedure

If you feel that we have not met the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, you should contact the FOI Team at: nclicb.foi@nhs.net

If you remain dissatisfied, you can ask us to review our decision by making a written request for an internal review. In order to assist with the review, you should include your address, a description of the original request and the reasons why you are dissatisfied. Please send this to:

OFFICIAL

North Central London ICB Chair: Mike Cooke
North Central London ICB Chief Executive Officer: Frances O'Callaghan

Email

nclicb.foi@nhs.net

Postal address

North Central London ICB
Laycock PDC, Laycock Street,
London, N1 1TH

The review will be handled by more senior staff who were not involved in the original decision. Although this will not apply to Section 36 claimed exemptions in accordance with Department of Health Directive, your request will still be reviewed. We aim to complete all internal reviews within 20 working days. If you then wish to appeal you should contact the Information Commissioner for an independent review at the following address:

Telephone

0303 123 1113

Postal address

The Information Commissioner,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Website address

www.ico.org.uk

Feedback

Your feedback is welcome to help us improve the service we provide. Please send comments or suggestions to our address.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Team

NCL ICB

OFFICIAL

North Central London ICB Chair: Mike Cooke
North Central London ICB Chief Executive Officer: Frances O'Callaghan