Reference: FOI 31320 BUCKS 14Y

Subject: Continuing Healthcare

I can confirm that the CCG does hold some of the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
1. How many applications for NHS Continuing Healthcare did you receive in each of the financial years 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19?	<table><tr><th colspan="3">Number of referrals received</th></tr><tr><th>Year</th><th>CHC</th><th>FT</th></tr><tr><td>2015/16</td><td>1491</td><td>564</td></tr><tr><td>2016/17</td><td>1478</td><td>659</td></tr><tr><td>2017/18</td><td>1256</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>2018/19</td><td>1272</td><td></td></tr></table>
2. How many applications for NHS Continuing Healthcare were not decided on until after the applicant's death in each of the financial years 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19?	I regret to inform you that the CCG is unable to answer this question, as the resource that we calculate would be required to respond to your questions, would exceed the appropriate limit set out within the Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) for complying with requests. Section 12(1) of the FOIA states that public authorities are not obliged to comply with a request for information if it estimates that the cost of determining if it holds the relevant information, locating and retrieving the information and, where necessary, extracting the information from a document would exceed the appropriate limit (as specified in Section 12 of the Act). This is based on a rate of £25 per hour, regardless of the rate of pay of any individual involved in the retrieval of requested information, and equates to 18 hours work. We can confirm that the CCG holds some of the information requested; however due to the way the information is held, the team would need to exam approximately 1400 package details on BroadCare (database) for each of the years requested. They estimate it would take five minutes per file to source the information required.

	Therefore in compliance with section 17 of the Act, this letter is to inform you that it will not be possible to respond fully to your request within the cost threshold set out by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004
	Please note: The CCG may be able to provide some of the information for example, the number of retrospective review applications received since August 2017.

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 14 June 2019, and has been authorised for release by Robert Majilton, Deputy Chief Officer and Director of Sustainability & Transformation for NHS Buckinghamshire CCG.