



**Northern, Eastern and Western Devon  
Clinical Commissioning Group**

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Dear,

**Re: Request for information under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received on Thursday 7 January 2016 at 17:02

The CCG is confirming in accordance with Section 1.- (1) (a) of the Act, it holds the information requested and (b) is supplying it unless otherwise specified.

**1. Can I request the total amount paid out by New Devon CCG for personal budgets in each year from 2010 to 2015**

Personal health budgets were formally introduced in October 2014, adults receiving NHS Continuing Health Care and children in receipt of continuing care have had the right to have a personal health budget. The CCG also offers some personal health budgets outside of CHC. In total the CCG spend on personal health budgets is:

2013/14 -	£195,478.44
2014/15 -	£1,496,374.11
2015/16 -	£5,051,074.19

The CCG became a legal statutory body on the 1 April 2013 and for that reason does not have spend against the previous financial years.

**a) Please break down the figures for each year to show the amount paid to patients in each of the northern, eastern and western areas of the CCG.**

**Western:**

2013/14	£195,478.44
2014/15	£1,040,155.42
2015/16	£2,984,566.63

**Northern:**

£0 up to 2013/14 then:

2013/14	£ 0
2014/15	£12,689.50
2015/16	£373,231.69

**Eastern:**

£0 up to 2013/14 then

2013/14	£0
2014/15	£399,421.95
2015/16	£ 1,693,275.87

- 2. Please detail each item bought with personal budget funding which cost more than £1,000, including which year the item was purchased, which area of the CCG it was bought and what illness or condition the patient has (as long as it won't identify them).**

The CCG has estimated that the time taken to identify, retrieve, assess and collate each item bought which cost more than £1000 including the year purchased would be in excess of 18 hours.

Under the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 ["Fees Regulations"] for the purposes of estimating the cost of compliance with a request for information the CCG may take into

account the amount of time it takes to determine whether it holds the information, locate the information or a document which may contain the information, retrieve the information or a document which may contain the information and extract the information from a document containing it.

Based on a rate of £25 per hour, in accordance with the Fees Regulations, we estimate that it will cost in excess of £450 to locate, retrieve and extract the information you have requested. This sum exceeds the appropriate limit of £450 as defined in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the CCG is not obliged to comply with a request that exceeds the appropriate limit and I regret to inform you that we shall not process this part of the request further.

However we can offer a snapshot of spending activity as below:-  
Personal Assistants/carers, neurophysiology, consumables (such as gloves, aprons etc.), respite beds, training, day care, agency care, payroll, managed accounts, support plans, insurance, gym/swimming and recruitment. All spend against PHB accounts is monitored against agreed health outcomes identified by case managers in individuals support plans and reviewed on a regular basis.

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- 3. Please detail any trips taken with personal budget money which cost more than £100, including which year the trip was purchased, which area of the CCG it was bought and what illness or condition the patient has (as long as it won't identify them).**

Please refer to the response to question 2.

## Satisfaction

I trust this matter has been dealt with to your satisfaction but if there is anything which you need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the office on 01392 205205 or by email at [d-ccg.foi@nhs.net](mailto:d-ccg.foi@nhs.net) Please remember to quote the reference number at the top of this letter in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you can write to the office and arrangements will be made for an independent review. You of course can write directly to the CCGs Chief Officer if you prefer using the "contact us" details displayed on the CCG website.

If you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the appeal, you have the right to appeal again to the Information Commissioner at:  
Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF

Tel: 01625 545 700

Fax: 01625 524 510

### **Legal information pertaining to the release of this information**

Please note that the information being provided to you is for information only and remains subject to existing intellectual property rights; no license for the re-use of this information is given or implied through its provision to you.

Yours sincerely,

**The Freedom of Information Office**  
**NHS Northern, Eastern & Western Devon Clinical Commissioning Group**