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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding Standard Contract for Termination of Pregnancy within NHS South Sefton CCG.

Request/Response:

1. What is the current contract end date?

BPAS – 31.03.2022 Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust – 31.03.2022

2. When did your organisation (or predecessor organisation) last tender (put out to procurement) its Termination of Pregnancy (abortion) services?

Termination of Pregnancy Services contracts are legacy contract which have transferred from Primary Care Trusts and is contracted on a re-current arrangement.

3. If the contract for these services has been renewed without re-tendering, how many times has it been renewed and when was the last time?

Approximately 8 years since the inception of Clinical Commissioning Groups with 1st April 2021being the latest contract to be awarded.

 Are there any plans currently under development or in place to tender for this service? (Please supply minutes/notes of any relevant meetings or decision-making processes, policies etc.)

No current plans to put Termination of Pregnancy out to tender.

5. How do you envisage Integrated Care Systems affecting how you commission termination of pregnancy services?

The CCG does not hold this information – Cheshire and Merseyside Health Care Partnership would be the most appropriate organisation to contact for a view. No details of ICS commissioning have developed options for the commissioning of termination services.

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6. How much do you currently pay for Termination of Pregnancy procedures?

The CCG pays National PBR tariffs for services provided by Liverpool Women's Hospital or the following local tariffs.

Treatment		Treatment Price
TOP, D & E	Gestation upto 18wks	£523.87
TOP, D & E	Gestation over 18wks	£1607.24
TOP, EVA		£334.23
TOP, MVA		£334.23

HRG Description	Tariff
Medical Termination of Pregnancy,	
less than 14 weeks gestation	£432.35
Medical Termination of Pregnancy, 14	
to 20 weeks gestation	£934.04
Medical or Surgical Termination of	
Pregnancy, over 20 weeks gestation	£3,931.60

Provider	SS CCG –Cost of activity in 2020.2021	SF CCG – Cost of activity in 2020.2021
BPAS	£29k	£18k
Liverpool Women's NHS FT	£28k	£8k

7. Who is the current provider/s for termination of pregnancy services?

The CCG commission a Central Booking Line via BPAS, which offer choice of provider, to patients.

- British Pregnancy Advisory Service
- Liverpool Women's NHS Hospitals Foundation Trust
- 8. What is the current annual contract value?

£15,000 per quarter - The CCG's receives quarterly reconciliation Invoices.

9. Who is the current commissioning manager (name and email address)?

Moira Harrison - Moira. Harrison@southportandformbyccg.nhs.uk

Should you require any further information, clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

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We also wish to take this opportunity to inform you that a formal complaints and internal review process is available, which will be managed by a FOI Appeals Officer.

This can be formally requested and must be done within a reasonable period of time (3 calendar months) from the date this response was issued.

Where you are not satisfied with the response to a request for information that falls within the Environmental Information Regulations you should make a representation for a review to FOI Appeals Officer, southseftonccg.foi@nhs.net within 40 days of receipt of the response.

If you are not satisfied with our review under the Freedom of Information Act or the Environmental Information Regulations you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) for a review of your appeal decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure. The ICO can be contacted at;

ICO, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF www.ico.gov.uk

Should you need any further clarification or assistance please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely,

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