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Dear Requestor

Request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

On 1 August 2019 you sent a request, made under the Freedom of Information Act, relating to the procurement of GP Direct Access Pathology Services. I now provide this information as an attachment.

I trust that this is the information you require and that your request has been fully discharged.

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If you have queries about this response, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

Signature Removed

Paddy Baker
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NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group

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Q1:

Please list the pathology providers, including NHS organisations, which you used during financial year 2018/19 to provide GP direct access pathology services (list any provider with a spend in the year greater than £25,000).

Response:

- Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
- Poole Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
- The Royal Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust

Q2:

Please provide the amount spent with each provider on GP direct access pathology during the year 2018/19.

Response:

All figures taken from 18/19 Activity plans – These figure include all direct access pathology services and are block lines with in the respective contracts.

- Poole Hospital NHS Foundation Trust - Direct Access Pathology = £4,656,070 (includes Biochem and Microbiology)
- The Royal Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust – DA Pathology = £1,738,117
- Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust - DA Pathology = £3,268,481 (includes Biochem)
- Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust – DA Pathology = £596,642
- Yeovil District Hospital NHS Trust - DA Pathology = <£25k

Q3:

Please state which of following methods for calculating payment best describes the contractual arrangement between the CCG and each provider

Response:

- Amount paid for direct access pathology not explicitly stated, i.e. included within larger overall contract
- ✓ Fixed payment amount for pathology agreed for the year
- Fixed payment amount agreed for the year, but adjusted if volumes are higher or lower than expected
- Payment calculated based on a cost per specialty, e.g. £X per blood science test, £Y per microbiology sample, £Z per histology case
- Payment calculated on a price per specific test, e.g. £X for Urea and Electrolytes, £Y for full blood count, £Z for MRSA test

Q4:

Have the authority undertaken a procurement advertised via OJEU for GP direct access pathology during the past five years? If so, please provide link.

Response:

NHS Dorset CCG have not undertaken a procurement advertised via OJEU for GP direct access pathology during the past five years.