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Dear Requestor

Request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

On 15 July 2019 you sent a request, made under the Freedom of Information Act, relating to the effect of NHS Dorset CCG proposals on Clinical & NON-Clinical Claims. 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

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Paddy Baker
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Q1:

Having noted the recent report from NHS Resolution estimates that the claims for incidents in 2018/19 could total £9 billion and being aware of your current proposals for the future of the NHS in Dorset that involve increased timely access difficulties (and therefore enhanced claims liabilities), what was learnt about the risk of more and/or higher claims in Dorset from the evaluation of your proposals that should have been taken either by yourselves or by NHS Resolution? If no such evaluation has yet occurred, please inform me of its planned date.

Response:

Throughout the Clinical Services Review, the proposals were evaluated against a range of criteria which can be found in section 2.5 of the decision making business case. <https://www.dorsetsvision.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/DMBC-CSR.pdf> of which includes quality and safety. The new model of care being implemented will improve care outcomes for patients as they will have better access to higher quality, sustainable services. In relation to emergency travel times, under the new model, 100% of Dorset's residents will be able access a major emergency hospital within 40 minutes under blue light conditions. Extensive work has been undertaken on understanding whether there is any associated clinical risk with increased travel times, which has concluded that there is minimal increased clinical risk as a result of the proposals, (<https://www.dorsetsvision.nhs.uk/expert-review-concludes-that-csr-increased-ambulance-travel-times-would-not-have-changed-the-outcomes-for-patients-at-potentially-higher-risk/>) and we remain committed to improving care outcomes for patients within Dorset. NHS resolution are responsible for managing claims in regards to clinical and non-clinical negligence, more information about their work can be found on their website <https://resolution.nhs.uk/>.