Dear

Freedom of Information Request – DGS 186

Thank you for your recent email requesting more detailed information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) on 4 February 2019. The information you have requested is listed below together with the response:

1. Please confirm how many members of CCG staff currently have lease cars or cars funded or part-funded by the CCG?

2. If possible, please provide the make and model of each of these cars.

3. If possible, please provide the grade of each staff member next to the make and model of the relevant car.

4. Please state the total cost to the CCG of lease cars in 2018.

In relation to questions 1 – 4 above, NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Clinical Commissioning Group are unable to confirm how many members of staff have lease cars in 2018 as there are fewer than 5 recorded. Given the low numbers, disclosure of this information could lead to the individuals being identified. The CCG therefore judge that the disclosure of such information, which constitutes personal data, would contravene one of the data protection principles.

In such circumstances, Section 40 (2) and (3) – Personal Information of a third person of the FOIA applies. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle. This states that personal data should be processed fairly and lawfully. It is the fairness aspect of this principle, which in our view, would be breached by disclosure. The terms of these exemptions in the Freedom of Information Act mean that we do not have to consider whether or not it would be in the public interest for us to reveal whether or not the information is held.
5. If applicable, please also state the cost to the CCG of payments to staff who opted not to have lease cars and instead have claimed reimbursements or allowances on top of their salaries, for 2018.

N/a

If you are still dissatisfied following the internal review, you have the right under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner provides full and detailed guidance on the Freedom of Information Act, and on when and how to complain.

Please find below the link to their website page and their helpline number.
https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/official-information/
Helpline number: 0303 123 1113

In line with the Information Commissioner’s directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. An anonymised version of our response will therefore be posted on our website.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.