

6 September 2018

Dear

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

**Ref no: CAS-03771-L5C8S6-CC (NHS Cannock Chase CCG)**

**CAS-03771-L5C8S6-SAS (NHS Stafford and Surrounds CCG)**

**CAS-03771-L5C8S6-SE (NHS South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula CCG)**

**CAS-03771-L5C8S6-ES (NHS East Staffordshire CCG)**

**CAS-03771-L5C8S6-NS (NHS North Staffordshire CCG)**

**CAS-03771-L5C8S6-SOT (NHS Stoke on Trent CCG)**

Thank you for your correspondence dated 23 August 2018 making a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for information which may be held by NHS Cannock Chase Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), NHS East Staffordshire CCG, NHS North Staffordshire CCG, NHS Stafford and Surrounds CCG, NHS Stoke-on-Trent CCG and NHS South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula CCG.

**You requested the following information and our response is detailed below:**

1. How much does it cost for verification of expected death in care homes by general practitioners in the CCG area per visit in 2016/2017 or 2017/2018?

**The CCGs do not pay to verify deaths per visit, it is paid as part of the GMS Global sum that is paid to GP practices based on registered population (see national website for more details) - <http://www.nhsemployers.org/your-workforce/primary-care-contacts/general-medical-services/gms-finance/global-sum-formula>**

2. How does the verification of expected death by GPs in care homes take place?

**The CCGs do not hold this information. Individual care homes will have a process of contacting GP practices when a patient has died.**

3. How does Out of Hours GP services operate in the CCG area in terms of verification of expected death?

**The GP Out of hours services are contracted to verify deaths upon notification from care homes requesting a visit. Individual care homes will have a process for contacting OOH services.**

**Right of appeal**

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response, or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact the FOI team to discuss. However, if you remain dissatisfied with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to request a review of our decision, this can be formally requested in writing and must be within a reasonable period of time (two calendar months) from the date this response was issued

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Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF  
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Yours sincerely



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