

Dear Requester

25<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST - RESPONSE**  
**FOI Reference: OPTUM FOI 300-596 – SL CCG**

I refer to your email received on 10 April 2019. I can confirm on behalf of NHS South Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) supported by Optum Commissioning Support Services, and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each element of your request is detailed below:

**REQUEST & RESPONSE**

1. Within your CCG, do you currently outsource your community based musculoskeletal (MSK) service or physiotherapy service for your patients?

**RESPONSE:** Yes

2. If yes, please state all organisations involved in delivering these contracts, including:

CCG	Current Provider	Contract type (e.g. AQP, block contract, prime provider)	Contract start date	Contract end date	Annual contract value (£) Estimate will suffice if exact contract value is not available

**RESPONSE:** The information requested is published in the CCG's procurement register which is available here:

<https://southlincolnshireccg.nhs.uk/about-us/finances/procurement-and-contracting>

3. What was the total spending on MSK services in the last financial year in your CCG?

**RESPONSE:** For South Lincolnshire CCG the total spend was £714,813.64

I would also like to request the following information relating to your CCGs commissioning of diagnostics services. (If multiple CCGs overseen please specify for each)

4. Within your CCG, do you currently outsource your community based diagnostic imaging services (e.g. MRI / x-ray, ultrasound, Dexa scan) for your patients?

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5. If yes, please state all organisations involved in delivering these contracts, including:

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6. What was the total spend on diagnostic services in the last financial year in your CCG?

**RESPONSE:** The table below shows the 2018/19 spend on AQP services for the CCG. MRI is magnetic resonance imaging and NOUS is non-obstetric ultrasounds.

Data_Type	CCG	Cost
MRI	99D: NHS South Lincolnshire CCG	286,299.23
NOUS	99D: NHS South Lincolnshire CCG	393,646.50

The above figures relate only to AQP Diagnostics spend for the year. The above figures do not include activity carried out by acute providers in secondary care who are not contracted via AQP.

I trust that this answers your queries with the information we currently hold, but if we can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Team.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to

Optum Commissioning Support Service  
FOI TEAM  
South Kesteven District Council Offices  
St. Peter's Hill  
Grantham  
NG31 6PZ

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the CCGs.

The Information Commissioner's contact details can be found here:

<https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

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Yours faithfully

**FOI Team**  
**On behalf of NHS South Lincolnshire CCG**