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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DECISION NOTICE

Dear Requester

## FOI Reference Number: 001688

I refer to your email of 22<sup>nd</sup> May requesting information in respect of the CCG providing Couple Therapy for Depression.

I can confirm on behalf of NHS Lincolnshire CCG and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do hold the information that you have requested. A response to each element of your request is detailed below.

Established on 1 April 2020, the CCG is a newly formed public sector organisation, though we hold information pertaining to NHS Lincolnshire East, NHS Lincolnshire West, NHS South Lincolnshire and NHS South West Lincolnshire CCGs which date back to April 2013.

## **Request and Response**

In relation to the IAPT service(s) which your CCG commissions, please could you tell us whether or not this service/these services provide Couple Therapy for Depression (also called Behavioural Couples Therapy).

## Response

Yes - The CCG provides Couple Therapy for Depression.

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

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

Arden & GEM Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit FOI TEAM, Room 18 Scarsdale Hospital Chesterfield S41 7PF

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 the CCG.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: telephone 0303 123 1113, email <u>casework@ico.org.uk</u> and

https://ico.org.uk/about-the-ico/news-and-events/news-and-blogs/2020/03/notice-about-contacting-usby-post/

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Yours faithfully

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On behalf of NHS Lincolnshire CCG