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**Freedom of Information request: 20190530-2**

Thank you for your request for information dated 30 May 2019. Your request has been managed under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Requested information

- 1) The number of networks that submitted applications between 1 May 2019 and 16 May 2019
- 2) The number of network applications that were rejected as of 31 May and the reason(s)
- 3) The name of each network's clinical director
- 4) The number of GP practices that did not submit applications
- 5) The number of GP practices in the area (to see whether there has been 100% coverage)

Response

- 1) **NHS Birmingham and Solihull CCG does hold the information requested.**  
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- 2) **NHS Birmingham and Solihull CCG does hold the information requested.**  
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- 3) Under Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) information can be withheld where it is intended for future publication, even if specific date of publication has not been decided.

The legislation: Section 22 - information intended for future publication.

Information is exempt information if –

- a) The information is held by the public authority with a view to its publication, by the authority or any other person, at some future date (whether determined or not),
- b) The information was already held with a view to such publication at the time when the request for information was made, and

- c) It is reasonable in all the circumstances that the information should be withheld from disclosure until the date referred to in paragraph (a)

The CCG is in the process of finalising the Primary Care Networks within the Birmingham and Solihull area and once this has been completed, the information will be made publicly available at <https://www.birminghamandsolihullccg.nhs.uk/>

The public interest is best served by maintaining the exemption in this case, for the following reasons:

- An exact date of publication has not yet been defined, however, the Primary Care Networks are expected to be finalised in July 2019 and details will be published shortly afterwards. There will only be a short delay in this information being published.
- There is a clear public interest in this information being made available once the final Primary Care Networks have been defined. However, the public interest in disclosing this information now, before they have been finalised, is less obvious.
- There is a public interest in public authorities being able to publish information in accordance with an agreed schedule, once a particular task has been completed and a settled position reached.
- The Clinical Directors are unlikely to welcome contact prior to the final Primary Care Networks being published.

Under the exemption provided by section 22 of the FOIA 2000, it must be reasonable in all the circumstances to withhold the information until the intended date of publication. As it is possible that the arrangements for the Primary Care Networks may change, publishing this information now is not an effective way of making this information available.

4) **NHS Birmingham and Solihull CCG does hold the information requested.**

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5) **NHS Birmingham and Solihull CCG does hold the information requested.**

<https://www.birminghamandsolihullccg.nhs.uk/about-us/gp-practices>

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Yours sincerely,

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