

Questions from Mr Mike Simpkin, Sheffield Save our NHS, to the CCG Governing Body 4 May 2017

Question 1: How much was spent in 2016-17 on processing competitive procurements either specifically for Sheffield or as lead CCG and how many exercises does this sum refer to?

CCG response:

Since 2016, all NHS CCGs have been legally bound to comply with the Public Contract Regulations (2015). A failure to comply with these regulations could leave the CCG open to potentially financially punitive legal action by the courts. Sheffield CCG hosts a small Procurement team which provides a shared service across Barnsley, Bassetlaw, Rotherham and Sheffield CCG's. During 2016-17, 10 procurement projects were undertaken on behalf of Sheffield CCG. The estimated cost was £83k based on taking the total cost of the team and allocating pro-rata to estimated number of days on each project. The cost does not include other CCG staff input eg evaluating tenders as this time and hence cost is not recorded.

Question 2: Who were the major recipients of consultancy fees in 2016-17?

CCG response:

The gross expenditure can be analysed as follows:

Attain Commissioning Services Ltd	£646k
Aventis Solutions	£121k
Price Waterhouse Cooper	£93k
The Campaign Company	£66k
Eugene Sullivan	£57k
How Consulting	£51k
Mental Health Strategies	£25k
Dianne Prescott Consulting	£22k
SBM Business Solutions	£16k
Practive	£13k
Various others	£16k
TOTAL	£1,126K

As detailed in note 5 to the CCG's accounts, the CCG received funding from other partner organisations to contribute to these costs particularly where they relate to system wide strategic development work. These contributions resulted in a net spend by the CCG of £535k.