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Dear Sirs

### **Your Request for Information**

I am writing in response to your recent request that we received on 10 August 2020 in which you requested the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

### **Information Requested**

1. Does the NHS Vale of York CCG have procedures or policies in place to ensure primary health and home care practitioners assess the heating needs of people who use their services at least once a year, as recommended by National Institute for Health and Care Excellence guidance on *Excess winter deaths and illness and the health risks associated with cold homes (NG6)*?
2. Does the NHS Vale of York CCG record or audit compliance with the recommendation referenced in question 1 among primary health and home care practitioners?
3. Does the NHS Vale of York CCG have procedures or policies in place to ensure that, when a patient is discharged from a health or social care setting, an assessment is carried out into whether they are likely to be vulnerable to the cold and if action is needed to make their home warm enough for them to return to, as recommended by National Institute for Health and Care Excellence guidance on *Excess winter deaths and illness and the health risks associated with cold homes (NG6)*?
4. Does the NHS Vale of York CCG record or audit compliance with the recommendation referenced in question 3?

### **Response**

I can confirm NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group does not hold the information you have requested.

As the Vale of York CCG are commissioners it would be the providers who are expected to comply with all relevant audits and the local authority would ensure through their QA framework and CQC too that these are in order to satisfy regulations. The CCG does not audit providers or give them policies, it is for the providers to have those and demonstrate to us they are in accordance with requirements.

We advise you to redirect your request to individual providers or the local authority if you want specific information about policies and audits.

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If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can then write to the Information Commissioner:

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Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
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Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need any further assistance. You can find out more information about our Clinical Commissioning Group by visiting our website [www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk](http://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk)

Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Team**  
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