

Subject: FOI request - Finsbury Health Centre
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Dear Mr Freeman,

Thank you very much for the documents you sent in relation to my Freedom of Information request of 15 August. The requests in this email also are made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

For clarity, I refer back to the points in your letter.

1) SparkNow is certainly under the impression that they did a consultation paid for the Islington PCT, as part of the LIFT programme:
http://spark.spanner.org/documents/LIFTing_the_Lid.html Staff at the Finsbury Health Centre remember it, and according to one of the press reports I read the PCT spent £50,000 on it. Please supply the full report from it, including any architectural plans connected to it. It must be on file somewhere!

2, 3, 4, 5. As a public body spending public money, with power over public facilities it is very disappointing that you have decided not to answer these questions. It is mystifying how either discussions with English Heritage or the CICS or CSPC about what best to do with the FHC could be deemed 'commercially confidential' as per Section 43 of the FOI act 2000. Likewise costings estimated for refurbishment, sale and/or building a GP surgery next door, and money spent on the studies done by both SparkNow and the Purcell, Miller Tritton. Please supply these expenditures and estimates in whatever form they appear. This information is particularly important now that there is some confusion, with Ruth Tyndall stating in a PCT press release of March 2008 that refurbishment will cost £1.5 million, and Tony Hoolighan claiming in the Islington Tribune last month that maintaining the FHC as it is costs "£1.5 million yearly". Which is it? How were either of these figures arrived at?

If there is information you still feel is exempt under Section 43, could you please be more explicit about how or why it qualifies for that exemption.

6. Pertaining to "The PCT still retains LIFT monies relating to the Finsbury Health Centre" - please supply information about how much these are, and any restrictions on their use.

7. Looking closely at both PCT documents and press reports, although strictly speaking the PCT does not say a decision to sell has been made, the impression is certainly given that such a decision has been made, even if it is only an 'intention' as per item 2.5 in the minutes from the 3 April meeting. Please supply full documentation of when and how this 'intention' arose. Also since it is mentioned in the minutes of the 22 May meeting that a report into the FHC would be given on 23 July 2008, could you please supply the minutes of that meeting, with details of the report made.

My mistake re 'Camden and Islington PCT' - much reference is made to both bodies as though they are one, thus the confusion.

8, 9, 10. What then is the relationship Islington PCT has with CICS or CSPC, and what

role they did they or would they play in dealing with the FHC?

I would be grateful if you could supply this information both electronically and in the form of photocopies. If I can help clarify this request please contact me by telephone on 07985 670 688 or by email at barb@thecollectedcity.co.uk. I look forward to hearing from you from you promptly, as required by legislation, and in any case within 20 working days.

Yours sincerely,

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