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Dear Mr Alexander,

**Freedom of Information request  
Brent, Hillingdon and Harrow CCGs (Ref: CCG/11333)**

I am writing further to my response sent on the 26 November 2018.

In that response I said that the CQRG had not considered the funding of vehicles and centres across London to provide support for people in the streets who are heavily intoxicated and therefore, there was no subject review paper on any proposal.

This response was incorrect and I apologise for that.

Our revised response is as follows.

**You requested the following information:**

*.....can you please tell me if any consideration has been given by the CQRG to funding vehicles and centres across London, to provide support for people in streets who are heavily intoxicated.*

*The objective in the past was to safely divert people from A&E, and provide advice about recovery from excessive alcohol use.*

*Has this issue be considered and is there a subject review paper on the proposal?*

**Our response to your request is:**

The CQRG has considered the funding of vehicles and centres across London to provide support for people in the streets who are heavily intoxicated.

There was no review paper as the agenda item(s) was/were verbally discussed on each occasion.

Your request was first received on the 3 September 2018 and your matter was discussed as a "Matters Arising" item on the 4 September 2018 at the LAS CQRG, being raised by Dr Kuldhir Johal, as Chair. It was felt that previous concerns around clinical safety had resulted in the scheme not going forward. However, an action was undertaken for all the respective commissioners to take this issue back to their



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respective STPs to ensure that on a wider context, support for patients with alcohol related problems were being considered in their respective STPs, both in the long term and in light of winter preparedness.

In addition, this same question was raised by Sister Josephine Udie (in your absence, on behalf of LAS Patients Forum) at the LAS Annual General Meeting on the 25 September 2018 and was addressed by Mr Paul Woodrow, Director of Operations.

The CQRG welcomes the LAS Patient Forum raising of questions, but is not in a position to approve funding requests. It does look at clinical quality issues and feeds back to the respective commissioners of the five STPs as well the LAS Strategic Commissioning Board. Katy Neal – Head of Performance – LAS Commissioning Brent CCG has also agreed to contact you.

Useful links – London Ambulance Service AGM 25/09/2018 You Tube - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7gPkL8yfh7Y>. View from 2:11:50 to 2:14:25.

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Yours sincerely,

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