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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received into this office on 29th September 2016 via the Primary Care Communications Team.

You asked for information regarding STP:

1. When will Wirral CCG STP plans be made public and how can we then access them?

The local STP footprint is Cheshire and Merseyside and therefore there is no specific 'Wirral STP' plan. The dedicated executive lead for the STP development across Cheshire and Merseyside is Louise Shepherd, who is also the Chief Executive for Alder Hey NHS Trust.

On a more local level, you will be aware Jon Develing attended the last Patient Voice session to update the group on the development of the Sustainability and Transformation Plans. Across the Cheshire and Merseyside area there will be a need to coordinate the engagement with regards to the STP plan as it develops and Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) will tailor this to its local community.

2. What public consultation process will be implemented?

NHS England's recently published planning guidance which references the engagement and consultation processes. I include below a link to the relevant NHS England website for your information.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/futurenhs/deliver-forward-view/>

3. What view as PV chair does James Kay hold on these STP plans given the huge public and political concern now being generated?

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) cannot comment on the views of James Kay as PV Chair.

4. What are the timelines and process for implementation of Wirral CCG STP?

As stated, there will not be a specific Wirral STP, but NHS England's planning guidance outlines the key timescales over the next two years. The link is provided below:

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5. What concern does James Kay have at the lack of democratic input into these STP plans and the secrecy applying?

Please see response to question 3

6. How is Wirral CCG accountable in real terms to the public it serves?

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Constitution sets out the CCG's statutory duties and accountabilities and I have included a link below to the relevant section of the CCG's website for your information.

<https://www.wirralccg.nhs.uk/Downloads/AboutUs/FOI/CCG%20Constitution%20final%20draft%20-%20MASTER%20VERSION%20V1%207%20-%20website.pdf>

7. Why has the STP process been held in secret?

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) cannot comment on the process to date

8. Are full minutes of all STP meetings/communications kept? If not why not?

Please note that the dedicated executive lead for the STP development across Cheshire and Merseyside is Louise Shepherd, who is also the Chief Executive for Alder Hey NHS Trust and suggest that you contact her directly with regards to further details regarding STP meetings. I have included the contact details for the FOI team at Alder Hey below for your convenience.

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