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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 10th October 2016.

You asked for information on inappropriate referrals policies:

1a. Does the CCG currently have any procedures in place to reduce non-urgent/unnecessary GP referrals for **hospital treatment**? (yes or no)

Yes.

1b. If yes, please provide details: please state which areas/specialities the policy covers, how long it has been in place and how long it will apply.

The Primary Care Quality Scheme 2016/17 covers all routine GP referrals to General and Acute specialities.

The current contract covers the period of July 2016-March 2017.

1c. If there is no current policy, are there any plans to implement one within the next three months? If so, please give details as in 1b.

Please see question 1b.

2a. Does the CCG currently have any policies in place to reduce inappropriate GP referrals for **diagnostic tests**? (yes or no)

No.

2b. If so, please give details stating which tests are included, how long this policy has been in place and how long it will apply.

Please see question 2a.

2c. If there is no current policy, are there any plans to implement one within the next three months? If so, please give details as in 2b.

Currently there are no plans.

3a. Does the CCG have any policies to reduce inappropriate **A&E attendances**? If so, please specify.

The CCG does not have a specific policy; however the CCG does work with partners to reduce inappropriate attendances, e.g. streaming pathways.

3b. Does the CCG have any policies to **redirect patients** who have arrived at A&E inappropriately – eg to primary care/pharmacy. If so, please provide details.

The CCG does not have a specific policy, however the CCG does work with partners to reduce inappropriate attendances, e.g. streaming pathways. A pilot is currently in place with aim to provide patients not requiring A&E with a golden ticket to see their own GP

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