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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 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

**You asked for information on NHS Constitution:**

Under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 the NHS Commissioning Board, known as NHS England, and clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) have a statutory duty to promote the NHS Constitution.

Under section 14P of the NHS Act 2006, each CCG has the duty, when exercising its functions, to:

- (a) Act with a view to securing that health services are provided in a way which promotes the NHS Constitution.
- (b) Promote awareness of the NHS constitution among patients, staff and members of the public.

Section 2 of the Health Act 2009 also states that CCGs must, in performing their NHS functions, have regard to the NHS Constitution.

What practices CCGs have in place to fulfil these duties?

**1. Do you have any initiatives in place to promote the NHS constitution?**

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) currently no active initiatives in place to promote the NHS constitution.

**2. Please advise what initiatives your CCG have in place to fulfil your legal duty to promote the NHS Constitution.**

NHS Wirral CCG performance against the NHS constitutional standards are summarised in the CCG's Annual Report. Please note that information regarding the Annual Report can be located within NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) website. I have included a link below to the relevant section:

<https://www.wirralccg.nhs.uk/About%20Us/annual-report-annual-accounts.htm>

**3. Do you have a process to measure the effectiveness of your initiatives to promote the NHS Constitution? If you do, please advise how you measure the effectiveness of these initiatives.**

Please see response to question 1

**4. Do you have a member of staff whose duty it is to take a lead role in ensuring the promotion of the NHS constitution? If so what is their job title?**

There is not specific staff member responsible for promotion of the NHS constitution, however, communications and engagement is the responsibility of the Head of Communications and Engagement.

**5. Do you have any funding set aside for the promotion of the NHS Constitution?**

There is no funding at present, however, any future promotion will be funded from the Communications and Engagement budget.

**6. Do you monitor your local population's understanding of the NHS Constitution? If you do, please advise how you do this.**

There is no active monitoring of the local populations understanding of the NHS Constitution.

**7. Do you have any future initiatives planned to promote the NHS Constitution, if so what?**

NHS Wirral CCG's website will be relaunched in 2017 and this will include more proactive commentary on promoting the existence of the NHS Constitution.

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