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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 the 13th January 2015.

You Asked for:

Differences in the requesting of diabetes related investigations across the UK (The NHS Atlas of Variation in Diagnostic Services, 2012/2013) which does not correlate with the small regional differences in the prevalence of diabetes Type 1 and 2 (National Diabetes Audits 2012/2013). The enquiry is to obtain data as to whether these differences are price related, whether CCGs are all operating on similar pricing models, price verses volume applies and there is value for money compared to other CCGs.

The data will be used to establish a database of price, volume and geographic location and as such the information will be "re-used". The data request is not large but the data therein will be reprocessed and as such subject to the "Re-Use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2005". Therefore, I request your permission to re-use this data under the "Open Government Licence (OGL) for public sector information" (details attached). If you release this data with a commercial use license and not under the OGL, then I would appreciate this being free of charge as the data set is small and all CCGs are being asked to provide this data.

The prevalence of type 2 diabetes in the UK population is increasing, which increases the use of diabetes testing both in the initial diagnosis and long term management of these patients. This will be an ever increasing demand upon NHS resources and I hope you will support the FOI and OGL requests.

Our response:

Unfortunately NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) does not hold this information. I would advise for you to contact Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, direct. I have included their email address for you below:

wih-tr.AccessToInformationOffice@nhs.net

I hope this sufficiently answers your FOI enquiry however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the FOI team (contact details at the top of this letter).

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