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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 28th October 2014.

You Asked for:

1) What diagnostic clinics can GPs currently refer to directly, for cancer investigations?

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) does not commission GP direct access to diagnostics, for cancer investigations.

2) What diagnostic clinics will be available for GPs to refer patients to directly in 2015/16?

NHS Wirral CCG has no plans to commission GP direct access to diagnostic, for cancer investigations, for 2015/16. However, currently all suspected cancers are referred by the patients GP under the 2 week rule.

3) What funding have you allocated for developing diagnostic clinics for GP direct access in 2015/16?

NHS Wirral CCG has not yet set the budgets for 2015/16.

4) What funding did you allocate for developing diagnostic clinics for GP direct access in 2014/15?

The total budget in 2014/15 is £4,793,185.

5) What funding did you allocate for developing diagnostic clinics for GP direct access in 2013/14?

The actual spend in 2013/14 was £4,743,027.

6) What funding did you allocate for developing diagnostic clinics for GP direct access in 2012/13

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group did not become a statutory body until 1st April 2013 and therefore unfortunately does not hold information from before this time. You may wish to contact the Department of Health Legacy Team with your request for information, via the following link, as they hold this information:

Reviewsandinformation@dh.gsi.gov.uk

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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