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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 30<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

### You Asked for:

1. Given that many of the Trusts in the area are in deficit what plans do the CCG have in place if the Trusts can no longer continue to pay their staff or creditors?

**Wirral CCG are working closely with its providers to understand financial pressures and develop mitigation plans as appropriate.**

2. Could you please let me know what net surplus or deficit the CCG or (your predecessor organisations) reported in the last 2 financial years and the forecast outcome for the current financial year.

**In line with NHS England requirements Wirral CCG achieved its minimum required surplus of 1% in 2013/14 (actual surplus - £4.75m) and are forecasting its required surplus of 1% (£4.68m) for 14/15, although this contains a number of financial risks and delivery of mitigation plans in order to achieve this**

3. How much have you (or your predecessor organisations) paid for health care to non-NHS providers in the last 2 financial years and how much is anticipated for the current financial year.

**The majority of expenditure with non-nhs providers consists in the main of continuing healthcare and intermediate care service provision. Wirral CCG does hold a number of healthcare contracts with providers of acute and community service in order to support patient choice agenda . Total health care expenditure with Non-NHS organisations was circa £53.9m in 2013/14 and forecast £56.7m for 2014/15**

4. What services have been developed in the community in your area to prevent hospital admissions?

**There are a number of services that have been developed to prevent hospital admissions and A&E attendances. In addition there are also a number of community services that have this as a core function.**

**These services include:**

- **Primary care**
- **Community Trust services such as community nursing, therapies and unplanned care services**
- **Mental health community teams**
- **Integrated care coordination teams (including social services)**
- **Admission prevention services based in GP practices**
- **Step up step down provision (including a multidisciplinary team, home based reablement and community beds)**
- **Community care of the elderly service**
- **GP visiting service (being piloted this winter)**
- **Advanced paramedic service (being piloted this winter)**
- **Pharmacy first scheme (being piloted this winter)**

**Most of these services prevent both A&E attendances and admissions which is why they have not been separated out.**

5. What services have been developed in the community in your area to prevent A&E attendances?

**For question 5 please see above answer**

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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