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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 30th October 2014.

You Asked for:

1. What is the total number of full time equivalent staff who are employed in monitoring the CCG's contracts with clinical service providers?

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group commission North West Commissioning Support Unit to monitor contracts on our behalf and therefore we do not have the level of detail you have requested. I can however confirm that NHS Wirral CCG is currently undergoing a restructure and within the new structure there is a team who will oversee contracts. I have included the web address for North West Commissioning Support Unit below for you, should you wish to contact them direct:

<http://northwestcsu.nhs.uk/>

2. What proportion of the CCG's total administrative budget is accounted for by the salary and benefits of these employees?

Please see the response to question 1.

3. How many contracts with non-NHS providers of clinical services does your CCG hold, either as the lead or coordinating commissioner or as an associate commissioner?

NHS Wirral CCG holds 377 contracts with non-NHS providers or clinical services.

4. In relation to clinical service contracts with non-NHS providers, how many site visits concerned with monitoring contracts have been made on behalf of the CCG since 1 April 2013?

27 site visits have been conducted concerned with monitoring contracts.

5. In relation to these contracts with non-NHS providers, how many contract query notices have you issued since 1 April 2013?

5 contract query notices have been issued since 1st April 2013.

6. In relation to these contracts with non-NHS providers, what is the total value of any financial sanctions you have imposed since 1 April 2013?

NHS Wirral CCG has imposed zero sanctions since 1st April 2013 to date.

7. In relation to these contracts with non-NHS providers, how many have been terminated because of poor performance since 1 April 2013?

No contracts with non-NHS Providers have been terminated due to poor performance since 1st April 2013.

8. How many NHS patients funded by your CCG have been treated at private hospitals since 1 April 2013, and in relation to these how many (a) serious incidents and (b) unexpected deaths have been reported to the CCG?

Not applicable as no serious incidents have been reported by private hospitals since 1st April 2013.

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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