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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 14th January 2015.

You Asked for:

If the research findings and the HSJ article arguments noted below have been taken into account – and how – in the production of the CCG's strategic planning?

1. *"The introduction of GPSI clinics did not reduce waiting times at any of the hospital outpatient clinics studied... The total cost to the NHS of GPSI clinics varied widely but was always more expensive than hospital clinics... The development and organisation of GPSI clinics varied, with an overall lack of uniformity in case mix, links with hospital clinics, supervision by consultants and arrangements for monitoring quality and safety."* http://www.nets.nihr.ac.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0005/81266/BP-08-1210-035.pdf
2. <http://www.hsj.co.uk/comment/beware-the-false-solutions-to-the-nhss-challenges/5073477.article#.VLZFshFyaid>

Neither of the cited pieces of information were utilised in the production of NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group's strategic planning.

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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