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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 19th May 2015.

You Asked for:

Could you please provide me with the details of any prescribing rebate schemes and QIPP prescribing schemes active within your CCG during the financial year 2014/15?

Please answer the questions below:

1. Primary Care Prescribing Rebate Schemes

Name of Scheme	Drug(s) covered	Companies involved in the scheme

2. What was the total income for the CCG from rebates during 2014/15?

3. QIPP Prescribing Schemes

Name of Scheme	Drug(s) covered

Our Response:

- 1) NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group is currently not engaged in any prescribing rebate schemes.
- 2) Not applicable, please see answer to question 1.
- 3) NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) Medicines Management team have an agreed plan of work with the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) based around QIPP, making use of cost effective prescribing options, new therapy options, improving quality and safety of prescribing following local / national clinical guidelines. However, these would not constitute schemes with specific drugs as such.

The CCG did engage GP practices with a local prescribing incentive scheme. Part of this involved GPs reviewing prescribing of medicines prescribed for various conditions and included medications indicated for:

- Pain relief (including various analgesics)
- Anxiety and insomnia (including hypnotics)
- Blood glucose monitoring (testing strips)

Clinicians reviewed prescribing against local and national guidelines and the locally agreed medicines formulary.

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