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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 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2015.

### You Asked for:

I would like to make an information request about the GP networks operating within your CCG.

By GP network I am referring to the following or similar types of organisations:

- Collaborations - Involving 2 or more practices working together
- Alliance – A union of GP practices formed for mutual benefit
- Federation – An organization or group of practices which have some degree of internal autonomy

If you could provide me with the website of any such networks as well as an email address and contact number it would be greatly appreciated. Where possible could you specify which of the above categories they fall into.

### Our Response:

Collaborations, Alliances and Federations are still very much under discussion on Wirral and the Local Medical Committee is actively seeking views on what a future federation/s might look like. The NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group expects that any federated model would be very much from a provider perspective. Whilst some practices are starting to look at working together, none, however, have yet adopted a formal organisational form such as a Community Interest Company, as others areas have done . The future development and form of any emergent federation/s may become clearer in the next few months.

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