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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 26th November 2015.

You Asked for:

1. How much does it currently cost the CCG for a patient referred by a GP to have a 24 hour ECG recording (Holter)?

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group currently holds a block contract with Wirral Community Trust and therefore does not pay on a cost per case basis for 24 hour ECG recording. If patients are referred to Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust there is a Non PbR charge based on a locally agreed tariff. The local tariff is £59.53 for 2014/15 and £58.59 for 2015/16. Total Expenditure at Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust in 2014/15 was £2,976 and Month 1 – 7 2015/16 is £1,875.

2. How many 24 hour ECG recording (Holter) are performed annually?

Unfortunately NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group are unable to provide an answer for Wirral Community NHS Foundation Trust, I would suggest that you contact the trust directly on: FOI@wirralct.nhs.uk.

The date for Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust can be seen below:

WUTH Activity

2014/15 = 50

2015/16 (M1-7) = 32

3. With regard to 12 lead ECGs, 24 hour ECG recordings (Holter), Echocardiograms and Audiograms can your GPs

a. Refer their patients directly to a local provider via e-Referral or must they go via a referral service e.g. Devon Referral Support Service?

GPs within NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group are able to refer directly to the providers.

- b. Refer their patients directly to a local provider via e-Referral or must the request be assessed as an appropriate referral by an intermediate service?**
Please see the answer to question 3a.

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