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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 by the Corporate Affairs Team on Friday 31st March 2017.

You Asked for:

I am requesting the information for the years (i) 2014/15, (ii) 2015/16, and (iii) 2016/17, unless otherwise stated.

1. How many adults were assessed for eligibility for NHS Continuing Healthcare in your area in each of the last three years?

2014/15: 325
2015/16: 503
2016/17: 860

2. Of all adults who were assessed for eligibility for NHS Continuing Healthcare in your area, how many were found to be eligible in each of the last three years?

2014/15: 279
2015/16: 438
2016/17: 685

3. In total, how many adults have received NHS Continuing Healthcare in your area in each of the last three years?

2014/15: 481
2015/16: 516
2016/17: 698

4. How many adults who received NHS Continuing Healthcare in your area had a personal health budget in each of the last three years?

2014/15: 12
2015/16: 20
2016/17: 24

5. Of all adults who received NHS Continuing Healthcare in your area, what percentage had a personal health budget in each of the last three years?

2014/15: 2%

2015/16: 4%

2016/17: 3%

6. According to NHS England, *“A decision about eligibility should usually be made within 28 days of it being decided that the person needs a full assessment for NHS Continuing Healthcare.”*

In your CCG, what was a) the average and b) the longest waiting time between the decision that the person needs a full assessment for NHS Continuing Healthcare, and a decision about eligibility, in each of the last three years?

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group only has validated data for the last 3 months of 2016/17. For this period:

Average: 75, Longest: 328

7. How many adults in receipt of NHS Continuing Healthcare had their CHC package (a) withdrawn and (b) reduced in each of the last three years?

2014/15: a) 1, b) N/A

2015/16: a) 4, b) N/A

2016/17: a) 4, b) N/A

NB. Unfortunately NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group is unable to currently isolate reduced packages of care as they are put on as a new care package and we are currently unable to track a reduction.

8. Has your CCG made changes to the criteria for eligibility for NHS Continuing Healthcare in the last 12 months? If so, please provide details.

No changes to the criteria in the last 12 months, the criteria of having a primary health need is set in case law and described in The National Framework for NHS Continuing Healthcare and Funded Nursing Care, the last revision of this was in 2012.

9. What was the average value of an adult's NHS Continuing Healthcare package in your area in each of the last three years?

2014/15: £547.31

2015/16: £590.95

2016/17: £643.70

N.B. Shown as average value of package per week.

10. What was the average value of a personal health budget in your area in each of the last three years?

2014/15: £808.44

2015/16: £863.59

2016/17: £865.61

N.B. Shown as average value of package per week.

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