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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 24th May 2017.

You Asked for:

I refer to Health and Social Care Act 2012 sections placed underneath, please send me with some promotional evidence from up to 2014 that the below 6 duties were done by you - (1) that you promoted NHS Constitution, (2) that you promoted patient choice, (3) that you promoted innovation, (4) that you promoted research, (5) that you promoted education / training and (6) that you promoted integration.

1. 4P Duty to promote NHS Constitution

(1) Each clinical commissioning group must, in the exercise of its functions—

(b) promote awareness of the NHS Constitution among patients, staff and members of the public.

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group's (CCG) performance against the NHS constitutional standards are summarised in the CCG's Annual Report. Please note that information regarding the Annual Report can be located on NHS Wirral CCG's website. Please see the link below for your convenience:

<https://www.wirralccg.nhs.uk/>

2. 14V Duty as to patient choice

Each clinical commissioning group must, in the exercise of its functions, act with a view to enabling patients to make choices with respect to aspects of health services provided to them.

NHS Wirral CCG in accordance with its commissioning duties ensures that appropriate providers are in place for patients to make a choice in respect of their health service provision. Providers are contracted across many clinical pathways with appropriate performance monitoring of the Referral to Treatment (RTT) constitutional standard as well as quality monitoring to ensure the clinical care provided is of a high standard.

3. 14X Duty to promote innovation

Each clinical commissioning group must, in the exercise of its functions, promote innovation in the provision of health services (including innovation in the arrangements made for their provision).

NHS Wirral CCG encourages innovation through its contracting process by defining quality improvement indicators which encourage innovation in clinical practice and patient experience.

4. 14Y Duty in respect of research

Each clinical commissioning group must, in the exercise of its functions, promote—

- (a) research on matters relevant to the health service, and
- (b) the use in the health service of evidence obtained from research.

NHS Wirral CCG's Medical Director is the executive lead for research at the CCG and we have a local clinician who acts as a research champion for clinicians undertaking clinical research locally. Research utilises known local data and furthers the evidence based for our strategic and operational planning.

5. 14Z Duty as to promoting education and training

Each clinical commissioning group must, in exercising its functions, have regard to the need to promote education and training for the persons mentioned in section 1F(1) so as to assist the Secretary of State in the discharge of the duty under that section.

NHS Wirral CCG has provision for the promotion of education and training through its practice development programme. A local clinician is appointed as education lead and regular practice development sessions are held for clinical staff across primary care, the CCG utilises the NHS mandatory training framework for its own staff in addition to other development activity.

6. 14Z1 Duty as to promoting integration

(1) Each clinical commissioning group must exercise its functions with a view to securing that health services are provided in an integrated way where it considers that this would—

- (a) improve the quality of those services (including the outcomes that are achieved from their provision),
- (b) reduce inequalities between persons with respect to their ability to access those services, or
- (c) reduce inequalities between persons with respect to the outcomes achieved for them by the provision of those services.

NHS Wirral CCG promotes integration through its operational planning process with many workstreams being delivered in partnership with local health and care partners. We have an established Healthy Wirral Partnership Board which provides the strategic direction for the future of health and care on Wirral. Our strategic planning is based on

the need to reduce health inequalities and this is clearly outlined in our published material.

"Promote" is in the majority of the sections I quoted from Health and Social Care Act 2012, for example -

My paras -

1. "4P Duty to promote"

1(b) "promote awareness"

3. "14X Duty to promote innovation" and again "promote innovation"

4. "exercise of its functions, promote—"

5. "14Z Duty as to promoting education and training" and again "need to promote education and training"

6. "14Z1 Duty as to promoting integration"

Only my para 2 does not directly mention "promote" but the meaning is the same.

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