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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 12th September 2017.

You Asked for information regarding Physiotherapy in general practice :

CSP Freedom of Information Request – First Contact Physiotherapists in General Practice (Sept 2017) NHS Wirral CCG	
<p>Note on term <i>First contact physiotherapists in General Practice</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When an individual contacts their GP they can be offered a consultation with the <i>First contact physiotherapists</i> instead of seeing the GP and without needing to see the GP first. • <i>First contact physiotherapists in General Practice</i> provide assessment, diagnosis, exercise/ self-care advice, and if necessary, referral for investigations or treatment. • They are mainly part of musculoskeletal (MSK) services and see people who contact their GP service with MSK issues. • They may work solely in General Practice (s) or they may be both part of the GP team and a physiotherapy team providing services in community or secondary care. • <i>First contact physiotherapists in General Practice</i> have been given a variety of different job titles 	
Request 1	
Please tell us about first contact physiotherapy roles in General Practice in your area by answering the following:	
(a) Please confirm/deny whether the areas covered by NHS Wirral CCG has any first contact physiotherapists in General Practice	Yes/No
(b) If yes to 1(a) please confirm/deny whether this is a pilot service	Yes/No
(c) If yes to 1(a) please confirm/deny whether it is a permanent service	Yes/No
(d) if yes to 1(b) please confirm/deny whether you have plans to roll out the pilot to other GP surgeries in the areas covered by NHS Wirral CCG	Yes/No
Request 2	
Please tell us about how first contact physiotherapy roles in General Practice in your area are funded by answering the following:	
(a) If yes to request 1(a) please confirm/deny whether this is funded all or in part by NHS Wirral CCG	Yes/No
(b) If yes to request 1(a) please confirm/deny whether this is funded all or in part by individual GP (s) or GP federation (s) or GP cluster (s)	Yes/No
(c) If yes to request 1(a) please confirm/deny whether this is funded all or in part from temporary national funding	Yes/No

(d) If yes to request 2(c) please specify what this source of funding is	Name of the fund:
Request 3	
Where are the services that are using first contact physiotherapist roles in General Practice	
(a) If yes to 1(a) please provide the name of the GP (s) practices or GP federation (s) or GP cluster (s) in the areas covered by NHS Wirral CCG that have first contact physiotherapists working in General Practice	Name (s)
(b) if yes to 1(a) please provide the name of the physiotherapy provider (s) in the areas covered by NHS Wirral CCG who delivers a service that has a first contact physiotherapist working in General Practice	Name (s)

Our Response:

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) do not commission 1st contact physiotherapy, therefore we are unable to answer to your request.

However, for some services, GPs can if they wish put local arrangements in place and this could include 1st contact arrangements, for further information, GP practices should be contacted directly as Wirral CCG does not hold this information.

Alternatively, NHS England hold the contract for all GP Practices and I have included their contact details for below for you to contact them directly:

Telephone 0300 311 22 33

Email England.contactus@nhs.net

**NHS England
PO Box 16738
REDDITCH
B87 9PT**

This service operates Monday to Friday 08:00 – 18:00 hrs, excluding Bank Holiday.

We hope this information is useful, however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team (contact details at the top of this letter)

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