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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 23rd August 2017.

You Asked for:

Information in relation to NHS Continuing Healthcare funding eligibility decisions appeals and for:

- Each of the years between and including 2012 and 2016
- All appeals
- Appeals for Previously Unassessed Periods of Care cases, the following data:

A)

- Number of appeals to the CCG
- Number of appeals that resulted in the CCG reversing the previous decision for the whole period
- Number of appeals that resulted in the CCG reversing the previous decision for part of the period
- Number of appeals that were heard at NHS England Independent Review Panel (IRP)
- Number of appeals where NHS England recommended that the previous CCG decision on
on
- eligibility was unsound
- Number of appeals that were submitted to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman
(PHSO)
- Number of appeals where the PHSO recommended that the previous CCG decision on eligibility
was unsound
- Number of appeals that were heard at tribunal/court
- Number of appeals that were heard at tribunal/court that were settled out of tribunal/court
- Number of appeals that were heard at tribunal/court that reversed the previous CCG eligibility
decision

B)

I would ask if you would also provide the number of current appeals awaiting review at:

- IRP stage
- PHSO stage
- tribunal/court stage

C)

I would also ask if you would confirm which is the responsible tribunal/court which an appeal should be escalated to should a previous CCG decision not be reversed.

Our Response:

Please see below table:

	2015	2016	2017
Number of appeals to the CCG			
Wirral	3	23	11
Number of appeals that resulted in the CCG reversing the previous decision for the whole period			
Wirral	1	9	5
Number of appeals that resulted in the CCG reversing the previous decision for part of the period			
Wirral	2	1	1
Number of appeals that were heard at NHS England Independent Review Panel (IRP)			
Wirral	1	2	3
Number of appeals where NHS England recommended that the previous CCG decision on eligibility was unsound			
Wirral	0	0	0
Number of appeals that were submitted to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman (PHSO)			
Wirral	1	0	0
Number of appeals where the PHSO recommended that the previous CCG decision on eligibility was unsound			
Wirral	0	0	0
Number of appeals that were heard at tribunal/court			
Wirral	Do not have this information		

Number of appeals that were heard at tribunal/court that were settled out of tribunal/court	
Wirral	Do not have this information
Number of appeals that were heard at tribunal/court that reversed the previous CCG eligibility decision	
Wirral	Do not have this information
Number of current appeals awaiting review at IRP stage	
Wirral	Do not have this information
Number of current appeals awaiting review at - PHSO stage	
Wirral	Do not have this information
Number of current appeals awaiting review at - - tribunal/court stage	
Wirral	Do not have this information
Confirm which is the responsible tribunal/court which an appeal should be escalated to should a previous CCG decision not be	
Wirral	Do not have this information

Please note that NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) cannot provide any information prior to its existence in 2013/14 as following the decommissioning of Primary Care Trust's, on the 31st March 2013, we no longer hold information prior to this date.

This information is now held by NHS England and I have included the contact details for NHS England below:

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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