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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 8th December 2017.

You Asked for:

1. What incentive schemes your CCG/health board currently runs for general practices to reduce prescribing, and any details about what they must achieve;
2. What incentive schemes your CCG/health board currently runs for general practices to reduce referrals, and any details about what they must achieve.

Our Response:

- 1. What incentive schemes your CCG/health board currently runs for general practices to reduce prescribing, and any details about what they must achieve?**

Prescribing Scheme

This scheme is offered to all of the NHS Wirral CCG GP practices to improve the quality, safety and cost effectiveness of prescribing all practices are expected to prescribe in line with local formularies and work with the Medicines Optimisation Team at NHS Wirral CCG.

This should support practices to reduce the variation across Wirral and there will also be the opportunity to receive further practice investment when they achieve the following measures;

- **Achieve budget spend** – receive £1.00 per patient (based upon list sizes at 1st April 2017);
- **Underspend against budget** – receive % of the budget efficiency for reinvestment into patient services
- **Make significant progress** towards achieving budget spend and receive a reduced reward payment based upon the following scale:
 - Overspent by up to 2.5% over budget = 40p per patient
 - Overspent by up to 5% over budget = 30p per patient
 - Up to 10% over budget = 20p per patient

This scheme is intended to provide a secure framework for practices to ensure prescribing remains high on the practice agenda, and practices demonstrate evidence of driving prescribing change within the practice.

2. What incentive schemes your CCG/health board currently runs for general practices to reduce referrals, and any details about what they must achieve?

GP Referrals

Targets have been set across all Wirral practices as part of the Primary Care Quality Scheme 2017-2019 to reduce clinically unnecessary GP referrals.

The aim is to reduce elective costs by £250,000 associated with GP referrals made between 1st April 2017 and 31st March 2018 based on forecast 2016/17 outturn baseline (439 fewer GP referrals across all CCG GP practices).

GP practices are set individual targets based on their quartile group according to 2016/17 forecast outturn. Listed below are their percentage apportionments of the £250,000 target based on their quartile group position.

Quartile 1: No change

Quartile 2: 40% of overall target saving

Quartile 3: 60% of overall target saving

Practice Payments

1. 25% payment for achieving >25% of target
2. 50% payment for achieving >50% of target
3. 75% payment for achieving >75% of target
4. 100% payment for achieving >100% of target

Maximum payment is £0.40p per registered patient.

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)

Yours sincerely

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