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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 17th January 2018.

You Asked for:

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group states that it has ceased funding on the homeopathy service that it used to provide, through its contract with the *Liverpool Medical Homeopathy Service*, since December 2016.

Please can the NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group state how much it has spent from that date on funding an alternative service for those patients formerly treated with homeopathy and Iscador – a mistletoe extract used as an alternative cancer treatment – and about whose treatment information was gathered in a 90-day consultation that ended on April 26, 2016.

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group stated that between April 2013 and March 2015, a total of 99 patients received either Homeopathy or Iscador treatment in Wirral; this was a total of 70 new patients and 29 follow up patients.

From April 2015 to September 2015, a total of 77 patients had either received Homeopathy or Iscador treatment in Wirral, this was 14 new patients and 63 follow up patients.

The total contract cost was £14,967 in 2013/2014; broken down as £3,227 spent on Iscador treatment and £11,740 on Homeopathy treatment. The total contract cost was £16,641 in 2014/2015; this spend is broken down as £7,841 spent on Iscador treatment and £8,800 on Homeopathy treatment.

How were these patients, and any new patients, treated after December 2016?
What was the cost of this treatment?

Our Response:

As NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) ceased funding for Homeopathy and Iscador after December 2016, it has no information about any subsequent treatment these patients, or any new patients, may have received.

With this in mind, the CCG is therefore unable to provide the costs of any subsequent treatment these patients, or any new patients, may have received.

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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