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Re: Freedom of Information Request - Glaucoma

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received into this office on 21st August 2019.

You Asked for:

1. Do you have contracts in place for the diagnosis, and monitoring of Glaucoma?
2. Can you please confirm the providers who are currently accredited to deliver this service?
3. Can you please confirm whether the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) paid any 'non-contracted' providers for the delivery of the service?
4. Can you please confirm the service pathway and requirements for the current diagnosis and monitoring of Glaucoma pathways?
5. Can you please confirm the tariffs that the CCG currently pays for each part of the Glaucoma Diagnosis and Monitoring Pathway?
6. Can the CCG please confirm the number of episodes that they paid for under each part of the Glaucoma Diagnosis and Monitoring Pathway during the following periods?
 - April 2017- March 2018
 - April 2018 - March 2019
 - April 2019 - July 2019
7. Can the CCG please provide a copy of the service specification for each part of the Glaucoma Diagnosis and Monitoring Pathway?
8. Can the CCG please confirm when the current contracts for Glaucoma Diagnosis and Monitoring Pathways both started, and are due to expire?
9. Can you please confirm if the current contract has an option to further extend? If so, for how long?
10. Can the CCG please confirm their intentions on what happens with the Glaucoma Diagnosis and Monitoring when they expire?

Our Response:

1. Yes.
2. Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (WUTH) and Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust (WCHC).
3. Please see the attachments for further information.
4. Please see the attached flowchart for further information (Appendix 1).
5. Please see the attached spreadsheets (Appendix 2-5).
6. Please see the answer to question number 5.

7. Please see the attached service specification (Appendix 6). For further information, you can also reference NICE guidance, LOCSU and Royal College of Ophthalmology guidance.
8. Both contracts have been in place for over 4 years with amendments made in December 2016.
9. The current contracts are in place until September 2020.
10. The Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is currently undertaking a review of Ophthalmology Services, the timeline is below. Further details are available on the CCG website (<https://www.wirralccg.nhs.uk/>).

Task	Date
Development of Future Service Model & Stakeholder and Patient Engagement	February – October 2019
Procurement	November - June 2020
Contract Mobilisation	July – September 2020
New Contract commences	1 st October 2020

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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