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## **Re: Freedom of Information Request – Wirral Independence Service**

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

### **You Asked for:**

I understand that the Wirral Independence Service (WIS) was commissioned initially for 4 years with the option to extend for a further 3 + 2 years and commenced 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

The proposed saving to the system at that time was approx. £900K/£1m.

1. Was this achieved?
2. Has the commission been extended?

### **Our Response:**

1. The Wirral Independence Service (WIS) contract commenced on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015. The WIS annual contract value is being maintained at circa £3.9 million per annum. Prior to the WIS commission, each service component collectively cost circa £4.9 million, therefore generating an overall efficiency for Community Equipment, Assistive Technology and Falls Prevention Services under the banner of WIS of circa £1 million per annum.
2. The WIS contract has been extended for a further three years; this contractual extension runs to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Wirral Health and Care Commissioning (WHCC) have an option to invoke a further extension of 2 years, running to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

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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