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Re: Freedom of Information Request - Covid-19 reimbursement costs for GPs

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000, which was received into this office on 4th August 2020.

You Asked for:

My questions are:

1. How much money overall has the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) set aside for reimbursing GPs for costs incurred due to Covid-19?
2. How much of that money in question 1 has so far been spent on reimbursing GPs for costs incurred due to Covid-19? If possible, within the cost for an FOI, please provide the breakdown for the money so far spent on the following items. (If this is not possible within the costs, then please answer all the other questions from 3 onwards anyhow.)
 - i. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
 - ii. IT equipment
 - iii. Practice premises protections – eg screens, marker tape, hand sanitizer
 - iv. Items for providing outdoor clinics – eg gazebos
 - v. Practice staffing costs where cover is required due to absence – eg if staff member is shielding/self isolating and a locum staff member is needed to cover
 - vi. Practice staffing costs where extra staff are needed to ensure GPs can provide the new care home service, which involves weekly virtual ‘ward rounds’ by GPs
3. How much of that money in question 1 has ended up being spent on other costs, not related to GPs?
4. How much of that money in question 1 does the CCG now have left?
5. Please could you provide the plans/policy documents outlining how the CCG is reimbursing / will reimburse GPs for costs incurred due to Covid-19?

Our Response:

1. The total spend estimated up to the end of July 2020 was £1.64million, as reported to NHS England and Improvement.
2. The actual spend up to the end of July 2020 was £1.23 million.
 - i. Unfortunately, NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is not able to answer this question as the information is not readily available.
 - ii. Please see the answer to question 2.i.
 - iii. Please see the answer to question 2.i.

- iv. Please see the answer to question 2.i.
 - v. Please see the answer to question 2.i.
 - vi. Please see the answer to question 2.i.
3. £0.
 4. NHS Wirral CCG has been allocated funds for the April and May expenditure, so £1 million has been reimbursed to date, retrospectively, from the actual spend of £1.23 million.
 5. Please see the attached excerpt from the CCG Primary Care communication bulletin on Monday 6th July for more information.

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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