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Ref: 62586

10th October 2019

Email:

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Dear

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 2nd October 2019, with regards to the utilisation of social prescribing.

Request / Response:

1. What was the CCGs total spend on social prescribing in 18/19?
Response: £630K
2. Please provide the CCGs total forecast expenditure on social prescribing for 19/20?
Response: £1061K
3. How many patients were referred to a social prescribing programme in 18/19?
Response: Circa 9,000
4. Does the CCG have a target number of patients to be referred to a social prescribing programme? If so, please provide detail of the CCGs target
Response: Circa 9,000
5. What quantifiable benefits has the CCG achieved, or hoping to achieve (financial and/or operational) through the utilisation of social prescribing? (*e.g. a reduction in A&E attendances, savings from reduction in drug costs etc.*)
Response: System benefits such as a reduction in A&E attendances, savings from reduction in drug costs as a result of social prescribing in Liverpool are currently under analysis. Please refer to The Health Foundation website here: <https://www.health.org.uk/funding-and-partnerships/programmes/from-data-to-decisions-embedding-a-real-world-intervention->

A preliminary report on some of the outcomes from Liverpool social prescribing services can be found here:

<https://www.health.org.uk/sites/default/files/2019-05/Advice%20on%20Prescription%20AnalysisOutline%20%20Final%2016th%20April%202019.pdf>

6. What is the name and job title of the individual who leads on social prescribing at your organisation?

Response: Clare Mahoney, Programme Delivery Lead, Social Model of Health

7. Does your organisation use a third-party software to manage/support social prescribing? (*services offered by the third-party provider may include manages patient referrals, enables self-referrals, directory of social prescribing programmes etc.*)

a. If yes, please state the name of the supplier (*e.g. Elemental Software, Public Consulting Group*)

b. What was the annual cost to the CCG in 18/19 for using this supplier?

Response: Not applicable. NHS Liverpool CCG does not provide social prescribing services. The CCG understands that in Liverpool of social prescribing services use a range of softwares.

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Should you require any further information, clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

**Corporate Services Team
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