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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding the commissioning of NHS treatments and operations within Southport and Formby CCG.

Request/Response:

1. Can you please outline which treatments (including medicines) and operations you are responsible for commissioning, are currently being reviewed for restrictions on their availability from 2018/19.
For example (To be clear we require a full list) are you reviewing the commissioning and availability of;

*Hernia removal
Gallstone Operations
Fertility treatment
Hip & knee surgery
Travel vaccines
Gluten free foods*

CCGs across Merseyside have been working together to review their commissioning policy throughout 2017/18. The policy does include the treatments listed apart from: travel vaccines and gluten free foods.

The aim of this work is to review the criteria for each of the treatments in the policy in line with the latest clinical evidence to ensure the CCG is commissioning the most effective treatments that represent the best medical outcomes for patients.

It would therefore be incorrect to say this work is "being reviewed for restrictions in 2018/2019".

Should there be any changes in eligibility as a result of this work patients will continue to have access to the process for Individual Funding Requests.

Full list of treatments being reviewed is attached

2. If you have already reviewed which treatments and operations are to be restricted for 2017/18, can you please list what they are?

As above full list of treatments being reviewed in line with the latest clinical evidence is attached

3. Of those, please give a brief summary as to how each one will be restricted?

NHS Southport and Formby CCG have recently completed a period of communications and engagement with the public and the finalised policies that we have reviewed and that are listed in the attached are now being shared with CCG Governing Bodies for ratification ahead of publication in the early part of 2018.