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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding incentive schemes to reduce prescribing within Southport and Formby CCG.

Request/Response:

1. What incentive schemes your CCG/health board currently runs for general practices to reduce prescribing, and any details about what they must achieve;

NHS Southport and Formby CCG has a prescribing quality scheme within the Local Quality Contract which focuses on optimisation of medicines. This is not a scheme to reduce prescribing.

2. What incentive schemes your CCG/health board currently runs for general practices to reduce referrals, and any details about what they must achieve

NHS Southport and Formby CCG has a scheme within the Local Quality Contract which looks at variation in outpatient attendance rates for certain specialities, to understand the reasons why variation is warranted for a practice. Practices use the Aristotle Outpatient Benchmarking Module on a quarterly basis. This is a scheme to understand variation at a practice level