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Response to Tanne Ray

On behalf of NHS Southampton City Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)

Medication prompts

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I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

Medication prompts are defined as:

The definition of 'prompting' is: 'the action of saying something to persuade, encourage or remind someone to do or say something'. Prompting of medication is reminding a person of the time and asking if they have or are going to take their medicines. (Google.com)

1. Do you fund Medication Prompts?

From a prescribing perspective there has been no spend on medication prompts to date.

The CCG do fund medication prompts for clients in the community who do not meet the Continuing Health Care criteria through the extra contractual referral route where it can be demonstrated that noncompliance will have a significant effect on managing medical or mental health needs

2. If yes, under which funding budget line/service is it allocated? (i.e Pharmacy, IPP, CHC, DTOC etc)

From a prescribing perspective this is not applicable.

The extra contractual referrals made through Continuing Health Care are funded through the Continuing Health Care budget. There is no allocated budget.

3. Do you joint fund Medication Prompts with your local Adult Social Service Department?

From a prescribing perspective this is not applicable.

No, Social Services may fund the care element of a package and the CCG will then fund the part of the package where input is required to do the medication prompt.

4. How many clients do you currently fund?

From a prescribing perspective this is not applicable.

Through the extra contractual referral route we currently fund 10 clients for medication prompts in the community which is not part of Continuing Health Care or a jointly funded package with Social Services.

5. What is your predicted annual spend for Medication Prompts?

From a prescribing perspective this is not applicable.

There is no planned predicted spend for those funded through extra contractual referral route and paid for through the CCG.

6. How long / since when have you funded Medication Prompting Service?

From a prescribing and extra contractual referral route perspective this is not applicable

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Manager