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## Subject:

- Q1. How many GP practices are covered by your Health and Social Care Trust?
- Q2. For the financial years 2019/2020 and 2021/22 how much did you spend on:

Osteoporosis medication with:

- i) Oral bisphosphonates (alendronate, risedronate, ibandronate)
- a. 2019/2020
- b. 2020/2021
- ii) Denosumab
- a. 2019/2020
- b. 2020/2021

## **DXA scans. Please provide:**

- i) budget/spend for DXA
- a. 2019/2020
- b. 2020/2021
- ii) n. scans this provided
- a. 2019/2020
- b. 2020/2021
- iii) n. DXA VFA (vertebral fracture assessment) scans commissioned
- a. 2019/2020
- b. 2020/2021
- Q3. What proportion of GP practices have a systematic process in place (e.g., regular data search) for identifying people who require a fracture risk assessment?
- Q4. What proportion of GP practices have osteoporosis identification/management tools embedded into their electronic patient management systems?
- a) FRAX
- b) QFracture
- c) Other (please state)
- Q5. For financial years 2019/20 and 2021/22.
- a) What proportion of patients across your CCG aged 50 and over had a fracture risk assessment using FRAX or QFracture in line with NICE / NOGG recommendations?





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- i. 2019/2020
- ii. 2020/2021
- b) What proportion of these were referred for a DXA scan?
- i. 2019/2020
- ii. 2020/2021
- Q6. What proportion of practices have an identified clinician or other healthcare professional with special interest in osteoporosis?
- Q7. What proportion of GP practices have access to a community pharmacist (CP)?

And: what proportion of these CPs have a designated role in identifying/managing osteoporosis? What proportion of these CPs routinely perform osteoporosis medication reviews?

- Q8. What proportion of GP practices have access to a First Contact Practitioner (FCP)? What proportion of these FCPs have a designated role in identifying/managing OP?
- Q9. What proportion of patients being treated in primary care with osteoporosis medications have had a review of their medication within 12 months of treatment initiation?
- Q10. What proportion of patients being treated in primary care with oral bisphosphonate therapy have had their treatment reviewed at 5 years of treatment?

## Answer

This FOI relates to GP practice provision for Osteoporosis treatment in primary care. BHSCT provide a secondary care service so this request is not relevant to us.

If you could redirect your request to the Department of Health, who have responsibility for GP practice provision.

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