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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received into this office on 22nd December 2016.

You asked for information on hospital breaches:

Since 1 April, new requirements in the standard hospital contract have been in force to reduce cases of hospitals inappropriately shifting work they're responsible for onto practices. Practices have been told to report all incidences where a hospital is flouting these new rules to their CCG.

For the CCGs you're responsible for, please can you tell me:

1. How many reports of hospitals breaching the new rules on workload dump have you received from practices? Please can these figures be broken down for each hospital the complaint was made against.

The contract requirements have been enabled into the standard NHS contract for hospital services provision with effect from April 2016.

The NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) provides access to an electronic incident reporting system for practices to upload information on issues affecting patient care, practice working etc – to-date the system has not recorded any received uploads from practices on the specific requirements described as part of the primary/secondary care interface issues.

2. What action or sanctions has the CCG enforced so far?

No actions or sanctions have been imposed in 2016/17

3. Please can you share any documents the CCG has produced setting out its policy for managing inappropriate workload dump by hospitals

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has not produced any local policy documents relating to managing inappropriate workload dumps by hospitals although a letter was sent to the Chief Executives of NHS Trusts and Foundation Trusts from NHS England and NHS Improvement and details six new requirements for hospitals.

'Improving how hospitals work with general practice – new requirements on hospitals in the NHS Standard Contract 2016/17'.

**A copy of the NHS Standard Contract for 16/17 contract can be found on NHS England's website and I have included a link to the relevant section:
<https://www.england.nhs.uk/nhs-standard-contract/16-17/>**

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