

Our Ref: ID 1568

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group
Marriss House
Hamilton Street
Birkenhead
Wirral
CH41 5AL
Tel: 0151 651 0011

Re: Freedom of Information Request – Medication Prompts

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 25th November 2019.

You Asked for:

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?
2. If yes, under which funding budget line/service is it allocated?
3. Do you joint fund Medication Prompts with your local Adult Social Service Department?
4. How many clients do you currently fund?
5. What is your predicted annual spend for Medication Prompts?
6. How long/Since when have you funded Medication Prompting Service?

Our Response:

1. NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) fund the pill dispenser device which dispenses medication and could also be considered a prompt. If it is only a prompt that is needed then there are other cost-effective avenues for prescribers to look at, e.g. mobile phones and apps etc. These would not come through the Wirral Independence Service.
2. The funding comes from the Community Equipment budget.
3. The budget is a pooled budget between NHS Wirral CCG and Wirral Borough Council.
4. Currently, 22 clients possess the pill dispenser device.
5. For the pill dispenser device, it costs around £700 per year due to the low numbers that are prescribed. As mentioned previously, patients will primarily be using other prompts which are not funded by the service.
6. The pill dispenser device has been available on the catalogue for 4 years.

We hope this information is useful, however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team (contact details at the top of this letter)

Re- Use of Information

Most of the information that we provide in response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 requests will be subject to copyright protection. In most cases the copyright will be owned by Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group. The copyright in other information may be owned by another person or organisation, as indicated on the information itself.

You are free to use any information supplied for your own non-commercial research or private study purposes. The information may also be used for any other purpose allowed by a limitation or exception in copyright law, such as news reporting. However, any other type of re-use, for example by publishing the information in analogue or digital form, including on the internet, will require the permission of the copyright owner.

For information where the copyright is owned by Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group please e-mail foirequests.nhswirralccg@nhs.net to request a reuse licence.

For information where the copyright is owned by another person or organisation you must apply to the copyright owner to obtain their permission.