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Re: Freedom of Information Request – National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) Guidance

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 10th August 2020.

You Asked for:

1. Does NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) have procedures or policies in place to ensure Primary Health and home care practitioners assess the heating needs of people who use their services at least once a year, as recommended by National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) guidance on *Excess winter deaths and illness and the health risks associated with cold homes (NG6)*?
2. Does NHS Wirral CCG record or audit compliance with the recommendation referenced in question 1 among Primary Health and home care practitioners?
3. Does NHS Wirral CCG have procedures or policies in place to ensure that, when a patient is discharged from a health or social care setting, an assessment is carried out into whether they are likely to be vulnerable to the cold and if action is needed to make their home warm enough for them to return to, as recommended by NICE guidance on *Excess winter deaths and illness and the health risks associated with cold homes (NG6)*?
4. Does NHS Wirral CCG record or audit compliance with the recommendation referenced in question 3?

Our Response:

1. NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) does not include heating needs assessments in their policies.
2. Please see the answer to question 1.
3. Please see the answer to question 1.
4. Please see the answer to question 1.

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)

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