

**Ref: CCG August 026 2016**

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13<sup>th</sup> September 2016,

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2016, with regards to CCG finances and schemes to manage repeat prescriptions and medicines waste.

Request/**Response**

- 1) From the most recent assessment, is the CCG in financial surplus, or deficit?

***Please refer to our most recent annual report-***

***<http://www.liverpoolccg.nhs.uk/media/1737/liverpool-ccg-annual-report-and-accounts-2015-2016.pdf>***

- 2) From the most recent assessment, what is the value of medicines wastage in the CCG annually?

***The CCG is not aware of a robust method to calculate this.***

- 3) Is the CCG considering implementing, or has it implemented a scheme to direct patients to order repeat prescriptions directly from their GPs?

***The CCG is aware of other CCGs doing this, but has not yet considered this.***

4) Is the CCG considering implementing, or has it implemented a scheme to stop community pharmacies from ordering repeat prescriptions on behalf of patients?

***The CCG is aware that some practices currently do this, but has not yet considered this as a policy.***

5) If the CCG has considered, or is implementing, either or both schemes, what is the value of the predicted or achieved savings from reduced medicines wastage?

**N/A**

6) If the CCG has considered, or is implementing, either or both schemes, is there an evaluation of the consequences for a) patients? b) GPs? C) Pharmacists?

**N/A**

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Should you require any further information, clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

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