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10th October 2016,

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 4th October 2016, with regards Patient Participation Groups.

Request/**Response**

1. How many individual GP practices are there in your CCG?

As at 1st October 2016, there are 92 GP practices in Liverpool

2. How many of them have an active (meets regularly; feeds back to the practice regularly) patient participation group (PPG) with a named chair?

Practises are contractually required to hold one "at a frequency and in a manner as agreed with its PPG." There is no requirement to record a named chair.

3. Who is responsible for checking how well these PPGs are/how members are appointed/whether membership run reflects the diversity of the patient list, etc.?

There are no rules or guidance in place in which PPGs/members appointed could be assessed against; therefore there is no one responsible for checking this.

4. Given that practices were allocated dedicated funds for PPGs up to April 2015, what did those practices that had not set one up by then do with this money?

The CCG only took over GP contract management from April 2015, therefore we could not provide you with an answer to this part of your

request, we suggest you redirect your question to NHS England - england.contactus@nhs.net.

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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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