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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding digital solutions and reimbursement policies within NHS Southport and Formby CCG.

Request/[Response](#):

1. What is the name of your CCG/Trust/Health board?

[NHS Southport and Formby CCG](#)

2. How many of the people in your community are diagnosed with diabetes? (Please indicate numerical value): If unknown differentiation, please indicate total amount:

- Type 1 Diabetes: [704](#)
- Type 2 Diabetes: [6338](#)

3. What role does your CCG/Trust/Health board play in the reimbursement process for digital solutions?

[None](#)

- 3.1 If you are not the direct decision maker of reimbursement, can your CCG/Trust/Health board still pay for medical products to give access to patients?

[Not applicable](#)

4. Who affects the decision-making process of reimbursement decisions for digital health solutions in the UK? Please specify what power they hold in the process. (If more than one, please rank them by influence, 1 being the most influential).

- 4.1 How would you describe the interest of the stakeholders you identified above? (e.g. cost reduction, care improvement,...)?

NHS Southport and Formby CCG does not hold this information, you may wish to refer your query to the following organisations:-

NHS England
england.contactus@nhs.net

NHS Digital Solutions
enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk

5. What criteria are most important for your CCG/Trust/Health board when commissioning digital solutions (e.g. cost, newness, effectiveness,...)? Please rank the criteria, 1 being the most important.

As with all our commissioning we follow the CCG vision and values:

Our purpose

We want to work with the local community and other partners, to improve the health and healthcare of everyone living in south Sefton, spending money wisely, and supporting clinicians to do the best job they can.

Our values

Stay local and work in partnership
Be transparent, open and honest
Be approachable and accessible
Show integrity – say what we mean and do what we say
Be focused on what we want to achieve – prioritise what we do.

Please see the link below for information

<https://www.southportandformbyccg.nhs.uk/what-we-do/>

6. Are you interested in partnerships with pharmaceutical companies? If yes, please what you are seeking from such partnerships.

NHS Southport and Formby CCG would consider working with the pharmaceutical industry in line with CCG policy.

7. How does your CCG/Trust/Health board evaluate whether to commission a product for diabetes care?

A Business Case / Proposal would need to be presented to the Clinical Advisory QIPP Committee and QIPP Committee board at the CCG in the first instance for Clinical assurance that it is a clinically sound decision to consider before then taking the Business case to the CCG Financial QIPP committee for similar consideration.

8. Does your CCG/Trust/Health board have a policy on the use of health apps?
If yes, please specify the health policy(ies):

No

If no, please provide if and when this will be established:

9. Does your CCG/Trust/Health board currently have a budget to use for health apps?

No

If no, please provide if and when this will be established:

Each case would be considered on its own merits. A business case would need to be submitted and presented to QIPP boards for approval as explained above (as and when).