

Quality and Governance Service

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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Original Request

I write to request the following information (including copies of any documents relating to the following things), in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

What steps, if any, your organisation has taken to implement a:

Footprint

Sustainability and Transformation Plan;

Sustainability and Transformation Partnership;

Accountable Care System;

Accountable Care Organisation;

What plans you have to implement any or all of the above and the proposed timescale for doing so and decision-making processes to be followed in doing so.

Any documentation or instruction that you have received from NHS England describing the action your organisation is required to take, or may take, to establish the above organisations and/or otherwise to implement the new care models described in the Next steps on the NHS five year forward view and the Five year forward view.

An explanation of the legal and organisational nature of the governance arrangements for the "footprint", as described in the Next steps on the NHS five year forward view and the Five year forward view, of which your organisation is part.

Your organisation's understanding of the consequences if it does not implement a Sustainability and Transformation Plan, a Sustainability and Transformation Partnership, an Accountable Care System, an Accountable Care Organisation and/or any of the other new care models described in the Next steps on the NHS five year forward view and the Five year forward view, and the documents on which that understanding is based.

Please kindly acknowledge receipt of this request. I look forward to receiving a response promptly and in any event within 20 working days, in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

Our Response



Rated as good by:



Wirral Community NHS Foundation Trust

Acting Chairman: Chris Allen
Chief Executive: Karen Howell

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Wirral Community NHS Foundation Trust is part of the Cheshire & Merseyside STP footprint. Within this, as described in the published STP plan, there are three Local Delivery System (LDS) areas, including Cheshire and Wirral. At Wirral system level, forward planning is undertaken by the Healthy Wirral Partnership Board.

What plans you have to implement any or all of the above and the proposed timescale for doing so and decision-making processes to be followed in doing so.

The short term implementation plans are built into the trust's Operational Plan 2017-2019. In the medium-longer term, we are one of the local organisations exploring the development of a Wirral Accountable Care System, aligning planning and contracting so that local health needs are met through better coordination of care.

Any documentation or instruction that you have received from NHS England describing the action your organisation is required to take, or may take, to establish the above organisations and/or otherwise to implement the new care models described in the Next steps on the NHS five year forward view and the Five year forward view.

The instruction we have received is within the 5 Year Forward View.

An explanation of the legal and organisational nature of the governance arrangements for the "footprint", as described in the Next steps on the NHS five year forward view and the Five year forward view, of which your organisation is part.

STP governance arrangements are in development. Essentially there are 3 LDS reporting into one STP.

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Our current focus is on delivering our control total as specified by NHS Improvement, which will contribute to the STP control total and support financial balance within the system.

I trust this satisfies your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

Yours Sincerely

Mark Greatrex

Director of Finance & Resources and Deputy Chief Executive Officer



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