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Dear Ms Taylor **Re: Freedom of**

Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding referral incentives within NHS South Sefton CCG.

Request/**Response:**

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from the CCG:

1. Does the CCG provide any financial incentives to GP surgeries for reducing the number of inappropriate referrals for hospital treatment and/or diagnostic tests? (yes or no)

No

If yes, please answer the following:

2. Please briefly detail how the incentive works, including:

- a) What the incentive is - please state maximum value awarded and any conditions.
- b) What reductions or targets GPs must achieve in order to receive this incentive.
- c) How the incentive is awarded/who receives it, e.g. is it paid directly to practices?

3. Are there any specific specialities, procedures or treatments that this incentive applies to? Or if easier, specify where it does not apply.

4. How much did the CCG pay to GP practices under the incentive scheme in:

- a) 2015/16
- b) 2016/17 to date

Chair: Dr Andrew Mimmagh
Chief Officer: Fiona Taylor

5. Does the CCG provide any non-financial incentives to GPs for reducing the number of inappropriate referrals for hospital treatment and/or diagnostic tests? If yes, please give details as to what the incentive is, how it is awarded and what specialities it applies to.

Questions 2 – 5 are not applicable