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Re: Freedom of Information Request

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

Request/Response:

1. Does your CCG employ a respiratory or asthma lead? If yes, please provide their name and relevant qualifications.

Yes (These positions cover all respiratory including Asthma)

- Respiratory Clinical Lead - Dr Nigel Taylor
- Respiratory Managerial Lead - Jenny Owen

2. Does the CCG commission any specific respiratory or asthma services? (Please include specialist care tertiary clinics) If yes, please detail them – and please include the annual cost/budget associated with the services.

Primary care provide on-going management of respiratory patients including an annual review process.

NHS South Sefton CCG commission Community Respiratory Services from Mersey Care NHS Trust. The service operates planned and unplanned provision. The planned service offers optimisation and consultant review clinics in the community covering all respiratory conditions. The unplanned provision offers a 2 hour response service for patients with COPD. The aim of the service is to develop a plan of care to manage the patient in the home environment where clinically safe to do so. The service also provide an early supported discharge service, working with patients either in a hospital bed or in A&E with the aim of bringing the patient out of hospital into the home environment with a package of care.

Urgent services for Asthma patients is delivered via the acute trust (Aintree University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust) with a budget of £508,000 to commission the service.

3. Does the CCG commission a paediatric allergy service? If yes please provide a description of the service, its availability, number of staff and associated cost/budget.

NHS South Sefton CCG commission Alder Hey Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust to provide our paediatric allergy service.

Our allergy service cares for children with common allergic symptoms and it provides a rapid access service for patients referred from the Emergency Department. It is also a tertiary referral centre for evaluation of children with complicated allergic conditions such as multiple food allergies, chronic urticarial, bee and wasp allergy and drug allergy.

It provides the following investigations and services

- * Skin prick testing
- * IgE testing and interpretation
- * EpiPen training
- * Food challenges to diagnose or exclude food allergy
- * Drug challenges
- * Insect and venom allergy evaluation
- * Evaluation for immunotherapy

For information regarding staffing you may wish to refer your query to – Alder Hey Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust - info.gov@alderhey.nhs.uk