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Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on 28 October 2014, relating to GP direct access to diagnostics.

I am pleased to confirm that Gloucestershire CCG does hold the following information:

1. What diagnostic clinics can GPs currently refer to directly, for cancer investigations?

Direct access to diagnostics investigations for cancer is not available to GPs. These patients are seen via 2 week wait pathways.

2. What diagnostic clinics will be available for GPs to refer patients to directly in 2015/16?

GPs already have direct access to MRI, CT, non-obstetric ultrasound, and upper GI endoscopy through a number of NHS and private sector providers.

3. What funding have you allocated for developing diagnostic clinics for GP direct access in 2015/16?

Budgets for 2015/16 have not yet been agreed.

4. What funding did you allocate for developing diagnostic clinics for GP direct access in 2014/15?

The budget for 2014/15 is £5,179,500.

5. What funding did you allocate for developing diagnostic clinics for GP direct access in 2013/14?

The budget for 2013/14 was £4,593,000

6. What funding did you allocate for developing diagnostic clinics for GP direct access in 2012/13?

Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group was established in April 2013, therefore details for 2012/13 are not available.

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Yours sincerely



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