

Reference: FOI 38245 GLO 11M

Subject: Community Health Service

I can confirm that the CCG does hold the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>1. Does the CCG commission Community Health Services via a block contract?</p> <p>If the answer to question 1 is no, briefly describe the commissioning approach.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>2. Does the CCG's Community Health Service contract <u>specifically</u> include the provision of care for ambulatory sensitive conditions which are designed to prevent emergency admission to hospital?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>3. Is the prevention of admission to hospital with one or more ambulatory sensitive condition a specific component of the current contract for district nursing services?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>4. Other than an inflationary uplift, has the Community Health Services contract increased, decreased, or remained the same during the 2019/20 and 2020/21 financial years?</p>	<p>Increased</p>
<p>5. Has the CCG commissioned services in the last two years (2019/20 and 2020/21) that are specifically designed to prevent admission to hospital for patients with ambulatory sensitive conditions?</p>	<p>Yes</p>

<p>6. If the answer to question 5 was yes – were these services to develop:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Teams within the Community Health Services • Ambulatory Care in the Hospital Setting • Existing Community Health Services and Teams • Primary Care – General Practice Services or GP Federations • Other (briefly describe) 	<p>Enhancements / development to existing services and teams such as Complex Care @ Home; Rapid Response, Homeward Assessment Team</p>
<p>Definition of Ambulatory Sensitive Conditions: Ambulatory Care Sensitive Conditions (ACSCs) are health conditions-diagnoses for which timely and effective outpatient care can help to reduce the risks of hospitalization by either preventing the onset of an illness or condition, controlling an acute episodic illness or condition, or managing a chronic disease (Sarmiento et al, 2020).</p>	

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 15 March 2021 and has been authorised for release by Kim Forey, Director of Integration for NHS Gloucestershire CCG.