



Freedom of Information request & West Norfolk CCG response

WN-2015-00019 – Hearing Aids

1. Did your Clinical Commissioning Group provide free hearing aids for adults with mild to moderate hearing loss in 2013/14 and 2014/15, and is it planning to provide them in 2015/16?

NHS West Norfolk CCG provided free hearing aids to adults with mild to moderate hearing loss in 2013/14, and 2014/15 and intend to continue in 2015/16.

2. How much has your Clinical Commissioning Group spent on hearing aids and other NHS audiology services in 2013/14 and 2014/15, and how much are you planning to spend on it in 2015/16?

NHS West Norfolk CCG are unable to quantify the total amount spent on hearing aids and other NHS Audiology services in 2013/14 and 2014/15 or how much they plan to spend in 2015/16 as although they receive data from the AQP providers they do not receive data on the numbers of hearing aids dispensed by the acute hospitals (or their cost).

3. How many a) digital and b) analogue NHS hearing aids have been fitted in your Clinical Commissioning Group in 2013/14 and 2014/15 (to date)?

NHS West Norfolk CCG are unable to quantify the total number of a) digital NHS hearing aids fitted in 2013/14 and 2014/15 to date as although they receive data from the AQP providers they do not receive data on the numbers of hearing aids dispensed by the acute hospital. In respect of b) analogue NHS Hearing aids the CCG are able to confirm that no analogue hearing aids are being dispensed.

4. How many people have been fitted with just one (and not two) hearing aids in your Clinical Commissioning Group in 2013/14 and 2014/15 (to date)?

NHS West Norfolk CCG are unable to quantify the total number of people that have been fitted with just one (and not two) hearing aids fitted in 2013/14 and 2014/15 to date as although they receive data from the AQP providers they do not receive data on the numbers of hearing aids dispensed by the acute hospital.

- 5. What was the median waiting time between GP referral and the fitting of a hearing aid in 2013/14 and 2014/15 (to date) in working days?**

The CCG does not have waiting times for referral in respect of fitting of hearing aids.