



Freedom of Information request & West Norfolk CCG response

WN-2015-00119 – Targets

1. Does the CCG currently operate any schemes for GPs which include a 'maximum number of referrals' as a target?
(Please list all relevant, including schemes to be implemented in the next year)

NHS North Norfolk CCG, NHS South Norfolk CCG, NHS West Norfolk CCG and NHS Norwich CCG do not operate any schemes for GPs which include a 'maximum number of referrals' as a target as this would not be permitted in terms of an activity cap by the NHS Standard Contract.

- a. Which procedures does this scheme target? *n/a*
(Please list all relevant)
- b. Are there any incentives or sanctions linked to achieving these targets? *n/a*
(Please give details. This could include a payment per patient for achieving targets, or loss of payments for exceeding them, but does not have to be financial)

2. Does the CCG have similar targets for prescribing, excluding schemes to switch from branded drugs to generics?
(Please list all relevant, including schemes to be implemented in the next year)

NHS North Norfolk CCG, NHS South Norfolk CCG, NHS West Norfolk CCG and NHS Norwich CCG have a number of prescribing targets.

- a. Which conditions or medicines does this scheme target?
(Please list all relevant)

Examples of prescribing targets are:

- 80% of Quetiapine XL to be low cost brand
- < 3% nortriptyline

- < 1% Rosuvastatin
- > 60% cost effective Corticosteroid inhalers
- > 80% Erectile Dysfunction drugs to be sildenafil
- > 40% low cost COPD inhalers
- > 60% low cost insulin needles and lancets
- > 60% low cost blood glucose testing strips.

- b. Are there any incentives or sanctions linked to achieving these targets? (Please give details. This could include a payment per patient for achieving targets, or loss of payments for exceeding them, but does not have to be financial)**

NHS North Norfolk CCG, NHS South Norfolk CCG, NHS West Norfolk CCG and NHS Norwich CCG have an Incentive Scheme (NHS South Norfolk CCG's one is called Engagement Scheme). There are no sanctions in place if targets are not reached. (However, this could mean CCGs do not reach its overall financial balance and the practice would receive no payment).

Please include documents or details of these schemes that would be sent to GPs.

The QIPP schemes which details the prescribing targets can be found within the CCGs' websites. Please refer to the Governing Body's meeting's agendas and papers which have been published.