Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 18/04/2018.

I am pleased to be able to provide you with the following information:

1. *What is the name of your CCG/Trust/Health board?*

   Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust

2. *How many of the people in your community are diagnosed with diabetes? (Please indicate numerical value):*
   - *Type 1 Diabetes:*
   - *Type 2 Diabetes:*
   If unknown differentiation, please indicate total amount:

   I can confirm on behalf of the Trust and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information that you have requested as we are unable to provide number of patients diagnosed with a particular condition, we are only able to supply the number of patients admitted or attending A&E that have a particular diagnosis on discharge.

3. *What role does your CCG/Trust/Health board play in the reimbursement process for digital solutions?*

   The regional sustainability and transformation partnership (STP) and Local Digital Roadmap (LDR) programmes have some funds available to invest in technology to support digital solutions. In general however digital solutions are funded by the Trust. Funds are allocated to clinical projects within the Trust based on available funds, and business cases that review the costs & benefits of solutions.

3.1 *If you are not the direct decision maker of reimbursement, can your CCG/Trust/Health board still pay for medical products to give access to patients?*

   The LDR has a number of projects underway that include patient interaction. These include: GP telemedicine tools to support telephone appointments with patients; investigating the options for a patient portal/information sharing tool that will support communication between health providers and potentially tools to allow electronic information provision to patients such as online letters, appointment details and medication.

4. *Who affects the decision-making process of reimbursement decisions for digital health solutions in the UK? Please specify what power they hold in the process. (If more than one, please rank them by influence, 1 being the most influential).*

STP – sets the agenda for regional changes to support sustainability and transformation of NHS services, LDR – funding provision for business cases to meet the STP key requirements, Trust Board – approval of NGH IT Capital Plan and sign off of specific business cases where TDA approval is required, IT Steering Committee – preparation of the 5 year capital plan for IT investment

4.1 *How would you describe the interest of the stakeholders you identified above? (e.g. cost reduction, care improvement,…)?*

Patient care, management of resources most efficiently, cost controls

5. *What criteria are most important for your CCG/Trust/Health board when commissioning digital solutions (e.g. cost, newness, effectiveness,…)? Please rank the criteria, 1 being the most important.*

   Included in the LDR regional plan
   Patient Safety
   Risk Mitigation
   Included in the 5 Year IT Strategy
   Infrastructure Essential (keeping things running)
   Financial Benefits & Return on Investment
   Efficiency Benefits
   Upgrades to keep current

6. *Are you interested in partnerships with pharmaceutical companies? If yes, please what you are seeking from such partnerships.*

   I'm not aware of any plans for partnerships with pharmaceutical companies

7. *How does your CCG/Trust/Health board evaluate whether to commission a product for diabetes care?*

   The Trust evaluates each business case on an individual basis using the above criteria, to establish the viability and impact of a potential investment.

8. *Does your CCG/Trust/Health board have a policy on the use of health apps?*

   There is no explicit policy in relation to the use of health apps, but innovations in healthcare are always welcomed.

   If yes, please specify the health policy(ies): ***N/A***

   If no, please provide if and when this will be established: ***N/A***

9. *Does your CCG/Trust/Health board currently have a budget to use for health apps?*

   There is no budget provided for development of health apps, each case for investment would be considered on its own merits. However NGH utilise a number of app based products such as SystemC Careflow and Vitals which support capture of patient observations, electronic referrals and secure communication in a clinical context. Access to key NHS tools such as the BNF are also provided via apps on Trust mobile devices.

If no, please provide if and when this will be established: **N/A**