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Subject: Reporting of histology cases & radiology and procurement of GP Direct Access Pathology Services

Subject: Reporting of histology cases

Q1 During the financial year 2018/19, please state which of the following arrangements were used for reporting histology cases which were not reported by employed or locum histopathologists during their contracted Programmed Activities (PAs). Please also state the amount spent in each category used.

- a) Payment to own consultants for additional work outside contracted PAs. Method used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
- b) Payment directly to another Trust/ NHS provider, or consultants employed by another Trust/ NHS provider for reporting. Method used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
- c) Payment to a commercial company for reporting. Method used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year

A1 a) Information not held – not applicable; we have a SLA with Liverpool Clinical Laboratories (LCL) so do not receive information whether cover is provided by substantive Histopathologists or by locum/other cover
b) Yes. £170,947 spent in costs per each histopathology sample sent to by Liverpool Clinical Laboratories (LCL)
c) No

Q2 If the answer to c) above was yes, please state which of the following companies was used, and the amount paid to each of the following companies in relation to financial year 2018/19.

- a) Backlogs Limited Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
- b) Source Bioscience Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
- c) LD Path Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
- d) Cellular Pathology Services Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
- e) Other – please state which Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year

A2 Not applicable as per above

Q3 How many Whole Time Equivalent histopathology consultants were in post on 31/3/19?

A3 We pay a fixed cost of £66k to support appointment of histopathologists at LCL. I do not have access to the total amount of histologists they employ

Subject: Procurement of GP Direct Access Pathology Services

Q4 Please list the pathology providers, including NHS organisations, which you used during financial year 2018/19 to provide GP direct access pathology services (list any provider

with a spend in the year greater than £25,000)

A4 Information not held – not applicable

Q5 Please provide the amount spent with each provider on GP direct access pathology during the year 2018/19.

A5 Information not held – not applicable

Q6 Please state which of following methods for calculating payment best describes the contractual arrangement between the CCG and each provider

- Amount paid for direct access pathology not explicitly stated, ie included within larger overall contract
- Fixed payment amount for pathology agreed for the year
- Fixed payment amount agreed for the year, but adjusted if volumes are higher or lower than expected
- Payment calculated based on a cost per specialty, eg £X per blood science test, £Y per microbiology sample, £Z per histology case
- Payment calculated on a price per specific test, eg £X for Urea and Electrolytes, £Y for full blood count, £Z for MRSA test

A6 Amount paid for direct access pathology not explicitly stated, ie included within larger overall contract

Q7 Have the authority undertaken a procurement advertised via OJEU for GP direct access pathology during the past five years? If so, please provide link.

A7 Information not held – not applicable

Subject: Reporting of radiology

Q8 During the financial year 2018/19, please state which of the following arrangements were used for reporting radiology cases which were not reported by employed or locum radiologists during their contracted Programmed Activities (PAs). Please also state the amount spent in each category used.

- a) Payment to own consultants for additional work outside contracted PAs. Method used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
- b) Payment directly to another Trust/ NHS provider, or consultants employed by another Trust/ NHS provider for reporting. Method used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
- c) Payment to a commercial company for reporting. Method used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year

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a) Yes - £119k
b) Yes - £57k
c) Yes - £123k

Q9 If the answer to c) above was yes, please state which of the following companies was used, and the amount paid to each of the following companies in relation to financial year 2018/19.

- a) Medica plc Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
- b) Telemedicine Clinic (TMC) Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year

- c) Radiology Reporting Online, also known as Everlight Company used
YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
- d) Four Ways Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
- e) Dulwich Medical Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent in year
- f) Other – please state which Company used YES/ NO if YES £amount spent
in year

A9

- a) Yes - £123k
- b) No
- c) No
- d) No
- e) No
- f) No