Freedom of Information Request

Reference Number:  EPUT.FOI.18.525
Date Received:  18 April 2018

*Note to Applicant: As of 1 April 2017, North Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (NEP) and South Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (SEPT) merged to form one new organisation known as Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (EPUT).

Information Requested:

As part of the Freedom of Information process, please provide following information in electronic format regarding the use of digital solutions and reimbursement policies.

1. What is the name of your CCG/Trust/Health board?
   Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust

2. How many of the people in your community are diagnosed with diabetes? (Please indicate numerical value):
   a. Type 1 Diabetes: 686 (South East Essex Locality)
   b. Type 2 Diabetes: 1,605 (South East Essex Locality)
   c. If unknown differentiation, please indicate total amount: N/A

3. What role does your CCG/Trust/Health board play in the reimbursement process for digital solutions?
   The Trust does not take part in this process

4. 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 Trust does not take part in this process

5. Who affects the decision-making process of reimbursement decisions for digital health solutions? Please specify what power they hold in the process. (If more than one, please rank them by influence, 1 being the most influential).
   The Trust does not take part in this process

6. How would you describe the interest of the stakeholders you identified above? (e.g. cost reduction, care improvement, ...)?
   N/A

7. 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.
   1. Effectiveness

8. Are you interested in partnerships with pharmaceutical companies? If yes, please advise what you are seeking from such partnerships.
   This would depend on which Pharmaceutical Company and what they are offering.
9. How does your CCG/Trust/Health board evaluate whether to commission a product for diabetes care?
   The following will be involved in commissioning discussions within South East Essex:
   - STP Diabetes Transformational group
   - IDS (Integrated Diabetes Service) Project group
   - South East Essex Diabetes network meeting
   All groups contain a balance of commissioners, providers, clinicians, specialists and managers

10. Does your CCG/Trust/Health board have a policy on the use of health apps?
    a. If yes, please specify the health policy(ies):
    b. If no, please provide if and when this will be established:

IT&T Security Procedure

11. Does your CCG/Trust/Health board currently have a budget to use for health apps?
    Part of IM&T capital budget

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

Definition “Digital solutions”: health apps and integrated care platform. “Health apps” refers an application for smartphone or tablet use that can be used for education, coaching, support and (...) collection of data). “Integrated care platform” refers to a collection of medical devices, health apps, electronic health records and other digital solutions that are connected to a single network, where all data is stored and analysed.

Definition “stakeholder”: people or institution that are directly involved in a certain issue (i.e. reimbursement of digital solutions). Intentions of stakeholders towards the issue can be supportive or restrictive.