

**NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group - Governing Body meeting
– 21 November 2015
Public Questions**

Question 2 (from Mr Chris East)

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I would like to ask a question to clarify an item that came up at the CCG meeting at the end of the November. It was stated that funds had been made available to GP practices with the objective of reducing the attendance of elderly people at hospitals. It was stated that practices could be fined if they were not meeting certain targets. I find the use of Payments by Results in the NHS quite disturbing given the problem of achieving correlation; I would have liked to have sought details in my question of this new practice. Could you please provide an answer.

Answer - from Paul Vater, Chief Finance Officer (tel:01305 368075/email: paul.vater@dorsetccg.nhs.uk)

Mr East of West Dorset, thank you for your question regarding funds being made available to GP Practices.

The CCG has invested funds with General Practices, dedicated to providing additional primary care services to support practices in transforming the care of patients aged 75 or older and reducing avoidable admissions by providing funding for practice plans to do so. The aim of these schemes is to provide care in a more preventative way, which could lead to reduced levels of A&E attendances for this group.

The schemes will measure the level of attendances 'before and after introduction' to assess whether they are having an impact on the number of A&E admissions. This is termed a 'Key Performance Indicator' measurement.

There will be no fines applied, but we are keen to assess whether the schemes are working well for patients and evaluation will compare A&E attendances and how different schemes are working.