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Dear Requestor

Request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

On 02/07/2019 you sent a request, made under the Freedom of Information Act, relating to infection control support to general practice. I now provide this information as an attachment.

I trust that this is the information you require and that your request has been fully discharged.

If you are unhappy with this response, you are entitled to request an internal review of our decision, handled where possible by a member of staff not directly involved in the initial decision. If you wish to request such a review, please write direct to the Data Protection Officer, NHS Dorset, Ground Floor, West Wing, Vespasian House, Barrack Road, Dorchester DT1 1TG. We aim to deal with requests for internal review within three weeks of receipt, although where the issues involved are very complicated this period may be extended up to a total of six weeks.

If you have queries about this response, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group

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Q1:

What infection control support do you provide to general practice - be it guidance, resources, auditing?

Response:

We provide support through GPN nurse forums and they can attend the Dorset wide IPC meeting (ICS IPC) to be part of the system approach for IPC. We also provide support and advice on compliance with national standards through friendly infection prevention and control inspections and sharing lessons learnt with recommendation for improvements.

Q2:

Do you currently commission any provider to support general practice with infection control?

Response:

No

Q2(i)

If no, how do practices in your area ensure their compliance with infection control guidance and best practice?

Response:

We provide support visits where we can give advice on IPC in primary care and we can share guidance from NHDE and work from our Public health colleagues to inform their work. Practice have their own policies they work to and we can provide guidance on resources they can use to supplement their IPC strategies.

Q3:

Have you ever commissioned a provider to support general practices in your area with infection control?

Response:

No

Q4:

Does the CCG have any plans to commission any service in the future to support general practice with infection control requirements?

Response:

Not at present