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Your Request:

1) Prescribing decision support solution currently in place in the ICB, including each of the former CCGs that form part of the ICB, including:

a) Award value of the contract

b) Commencement Date of Contract

c) Duration of initial term and extension term of the contract

d) Whether any procurement exercise has been launched to re-procure any or all of the contract(s).

Our Response:

1a - d) All of the former CCG areas that now make up NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB use OptimiseRX at a contract cost of between 30 – 39p per patient. The contract with Optimise RX began in April 2021 and is due to end March 2024. Please note that the former NHS Wirral CCG area currently use Scriptswitch with a contract value of £91,295 which began in April 2021 and is due to end March 2023, following which it is intended that this area will also move over to using OptimiseRX from April 2023.