



**Northern, Eastern and Western Devon
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Dear

Re: Request for information under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received on Friday 26 August 2016.

The CCG is confirming in accordance with Section - (1) (a) of the Act, it holds the information requested and (b) is supplying it unless otherwise specified.

I can confirm that NHS Northern, Eastern and Western Devon CCG hold part of the requested information.

I would like to make a request under the FOI act, relating to CCG finances and schemes to manage repeat prescriptions and medicines waste. Please could you send me details of the following:

- 1. From the most recent assessment, is the CCG in financial surplus, or deficit? And by how much?**

Since the information listed above is reasonably available to you by other means, this information is exempt from disclosure here under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In order to assist you with this part of your request you may wish to view our governing body papers available to download from our website; <http://www.newdevonccg.nhs.uk/who-we-are/governing-body/public-papers-for-governing-body-meetings/100198>

- 2. From the most recent assessment, what is the value of medicines wastage in the CCG annually?**

We estimate the value of avoidable and non-avoidable medicines waste in the CCG to be approximately £5.5million annually.

This is calculated as a proportion of the figure of £300million that was stated in the Department of Health commissioned document: "Evaluation of the Scale, Causes and Costs of Waste Medicines" published by York Health Economics consortium and The School of Pharmacy, University of London published 23/11/2010.

3. Is the CCG considering implementing, or has it implemented, a scheme to direct patients to order repeat prescriptions directly from their GPs?

No, the CCG is not currently considering any such scheme.

4. Is the CCG considering implementing, or has it implemented, a scheme to stop community pharmacies from ordering repeat prescriptions on behalf of patients?

No, the CCG is not currently considering any such scheme.

5. If the CCG has considered, or is implementing, either or both schemes, what is the value of the predicted or achieved savings from reduced medicines wastage?

As part of a scoping exercise, the CCG considered a report of a scheme to stop community pharmacies from ordering repeat prescriptions on behalf of patients. It was decided not to pursue the scheme before reaching the stage of calculating local savings.

6. If the CCG has considered, or is implementing, either or both schemes, is there an evaluation of the consequences for a) patients? b) GPs? C) pharmacists?

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Satisfaction

I trust this matter has been dealt with to your satisfaction but if there is anything which you need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the office on 01392 205205 or by email at d-ccg.foi@nhs.net Please remember to quote the reference number at the top of this letter in any future communications.

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If you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the appeal, you have the right to appeal again to the Information Commissioner at:
Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF

Tel: 01625 545 700

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Yours sincerely,

**The Freedom of Information Office
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