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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 Thursday 16 February 2017.

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.

You requested the following information.

- **Please provide a list of all NICE approved treatments, drugs or prescribable items regarding which the CCG has issued guidance against prescribing to GPs/GP surgeries – whether a total restriction or advice to consider reductions. The time period for this request is from the beginning of the 2015/16 financial year to current time. Please provide the reasons for each, a copy of the guidance issued and the total annual cost to the CCG of the treatment, drug or prescribable item prior to guidance. Please also provide the savings made or projected..**

Regarding NICE *approved* treatments; all mandatory NICE technology appraisals (TAs) are made available in line with our statutory responsibilities and are included in the joint formularies:

<http://www.devonformularyguidance.nhs.uk/>

The CCG does not hold a list of NICE *recommended* treatments/drugs which the CCG does not allow clinicians to prescribe, you can view our suite of publicly available policies on the CCG website here:

<http://www.newdevonccg.nhs.uk/information-for-patients/medicines-and->

[treatments/commissioning-policies/100374](#), some of which may relate to treatments/drugs *recommended* in non-mandatory NICE guidance.

Regarding NICE *approved* treatments; all mandatory NICE technology appraisals (TAs) are made available within 90 days of publication, in line with our statutory responsibilities; and are included in the joint formularies: <http://www.devonformularyguidance.nhs.uk/>

Any policies which relate to treatments/drugs *recommended* in non-mandatory NICE guidance are individually dated.

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.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you can write to the office and arrangements will be made for an independent review. You of course can write directly to the CCGs Chief Officer if you prefer using the “contact us” details displayed on the CCG website.

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
Fax: 01625 524 510

Legal information pertaining to the release of this information

Please note that the information being provided to you is for information only and remains subject to existing intellectual property rights; no license for the re-use of this information is given or implied through its provision to you.

Yours sincerely,

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