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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 Wednesday 11 October 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.

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

I am writing to you today to request information relating to use of Leuteinising Hormone-Releasing Hormone Analogue (LHRHa) treatments for Prostate Cancer.

- 1.) Do you currently have any enhanced (non GMS or PMS) service contracts involving prostate cancer and/or Leuteinising Hormone-Releasing Hormone Analogue (LHRHa) administration with GP practices?**

NEW Devon CCG has a Specialised Medicines Service (SMS), which includes a payment for the prescribing and administration of GnRH analogues for prostate cancer.

- 2.) Does this service involve payments for the administration of the following LHRHA's please indicate which?
 - i. Zoladex (Goserelin)**
 - ii. Prostag (Leuprorelin)**
 - iii. Decapeptyl (Triptorelin)****

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The service specification does not relate to any specific LHRA; whilst the Devon formularies (<http://www.newdevonccg.nhs.uk/who-we-are//medicines-and-treatments/joint-formularies/100802>) specify preferred products, which may change from time to time, the payment is for any LHRHa that a patient requires.

3.) What is the frequency of payment?

4.) What is the payment amount?

To answer questions 3 and 4 - Practices can claim £47.94 per patient per annum.

5.) Does the service include other factors such as:

- **PSA**
- **symptom questionnaires**
- **patient review follow ups**

The SMS service specification does not require GPs to undertake PSA or symptom questionnaires, specialists are responsible for treatment initiation, the periodic review of patients, and for withdrawal of therapy when appropriate.

A shared care prescribing guideline covering the Western locality of NEW Devon CCG is publicly available here:

<https://www.newdevonccg.nhs.uk/western-devon-shared-care-guidelines/endocrine-system-101117>

6.) Is there a specific payment for this?

Not applicable, please refer to the response to questions 5.

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

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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

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Yours sincerely,

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