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By Email

Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request for Information – NHS North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care Board.

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 16 September 2022 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB) under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

For information Clinical Commissioning Groups ceased to exist on 30 June 2022. Services that were previously delivered by the CCG are now being delivered by the successor organisation NHS North East and North Cumbria (ICB). This covers the areas of County Durham, Newcastle Gateshead, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland and Tees Valley.

Please find the information you requested on behalf of the ICB as follows;

Request

I wish to make a Freedom of Information request for the following information, on behalf of Ascensia Diabetes Care UK Ltd. Please provide the following information and details: for North of Tyne places including Newcastle, Gateshead, North Tyneside and Northumberland.

- 1. The planned date to next review your blood glucose meters and test strip formulary**

2. The name(s) and contact email address(es) of the person(s) in your organisation who are responsible for blood glucose meter/strip formulary/recommendations
3. An explanation as to how the formulary review will be managed and anticipated timelines for completion

Response

Newcastle Gateshead area

1. The guideline is available here (<http://www.northoftyneapc.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2022/02/Blood-glucose-monitoring-guideline-v2.1.pdf>) and states review is due October 2022.

2. This is managed by the APC who can be contacted here:

<http://northoftyneandgatesheadformulary.nhs.uk/>

There is no nominated person within Newcastle Gateshead with the individual responsibility to review this. However, queries specific to this place can be directed to nencicb-ng.mo@nhs.net and will be passed to the appropriate person

3. The process of review lies with APC and is not held by Newcastle Gateshead area

North Tyneside area

1. I refer you to current guidance at [Microsoft Word - Blood-glucose-monitoring-guideline-v2.1 \(northoftyneapc.nhs.uk\)](#). This is due for review in October 2022

2 & 3. The review would normally be co-ordinated by the medicines guideline and use subgroup (MGUG) of the North of Tyne, Gateshead and North Cumbria area prescribing committee.

They have currently deferred this review as diabetes specialist colleagues have informed the group that some NHSE national guidance is expected that at best would replace this and at least inform any local review.

In the absence of national guidance being received by the end of 2022 this will be reviewed again although responsibility for a local review may change as medicines committees are in a state of change to align with ICS structures.

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In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the NHS ICB website <https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/>.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

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 should write to the Senior Governance Manager using the contact details at the top of this letter quoting the appropriate reference number.

If you are not content with the outcome your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by The North of England Commissioning Support Unit.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

www.ico.gov.uk

Any information we provide following your request under the Freedom of Information Act will not confer an automatic right for you to re-use that information, for example to publish it. If you wish to re-use the information that we provide and you do not specify this in your initial application for information then you must make a further request for its re-use as per the Re-Use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015 www.legislation.gov.uk . This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours sincerely

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