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

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 26 July 2022 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC 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 County Durham, Newcastle Gateshead, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland and Tees Valley.

Details of Request

Please provide a copy of any documents pertaining to any Locally Enhanced Scheme (LES) or similar, specifically with regard to payments to practices within primary care for the administration of Gonadorelins and/or Degarelix (Firmagon).

Response

County Durham

The Local Improvement and Integration Scheme (LIAISE) incentive scheme sets out (section 11 Enhanced Treatments) that practices will prescribe GnRH analogue therapy - prescription and administration of GnRH analogue therapy to ambulant adult patients as directed by a suitably qualified specialist.

GnRH antagonists and degarelix are categorised as 'green plus' on the local formulary which means that it should only be prescribed following specialist initiation or recommendation. Practices do not get additional payment for the administration of this group of drugs.

Newcastle Gateshead Area

Please refer to the attached: -



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North Cumbria Area

NHS North Cumbria CCG has no LES schemes involving payments to practices for the administration of Gonadorelins and/or Degarelix (Firmagon).

North Tyneside Area

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Northumberland Area

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Prostate Specific
Antigen Monitoring

South Tyneside

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Sunderland Areas

NHS Sunderland CCG has no LES schemes involving payments to practices for the administration of Gonadorelins and/or Degarelix (Firmagon).

Tees Valley Area

GP Practices in Tees Valley are commissioned by NENC to provide a Local Improvement Scheme (LIS). This covers many different indicators, of which 'enhanced treatments' is one and of which includes "Injections (e.g. B12) that are not already included in an alternative scheme/ contracted service e.g. Childhood and seasonal immunisations etc.

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
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SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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