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Our Ref: FOI 7591

Date: 27th March 2018

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Further to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding FreeStyle Libre, please see below our response to your request.

Request:

I would be grateful for answers to the following questions: (if you are an outside agency, please apply this to all CCGs you are responsible for).

- How many people have been successful in getting the FreeStyle Libre system prescribed since it was included on the NHS Drug Tariff in November 2017?
- What are the criteria on which decisions about prescribing the FreeStyle Libre system are made?
- What was the decision-making process for establishing the prescribing criteria for the FreeStyle Libre system?

Response:

Nationally, Freestyle Libre became potentially prescribable by GPs on 1st November 2017. The Formulary and Guidelines subgroup of the Pan Mersey Area Prescribing Committee is considering this in order to agree a local position in terms of whether or not to fund Freestyle Libre and, if so, which groups of patients might be eligible and how they would obtain it and be monitored appropriately.

Freestlye Libre® currently has a 'grey' status on the Pan Mersey formulary. This means that 'these medicines are still being evaluated according to local processes and a decision on whether to commission their use has not yet been made. They should not be prescribed in any setting'.

<http://www.panmerseyapc.nhs.uk/recommendations/documents/PS212.pdf>

The device is currently going through the APC consultation process. In the meantime Freestyle Libre® is available to buy.

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

We also wish to take this opportunity to inform you that a formal complaints and internal review process is available, which will be managed by a FOI Appeals Officer.

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This can be formally requested and must be done within a reasonable period of time (3 calendar months) from the date this response was issued.

Where you are not satisfied with the response to a request for information that falls within the Environmental Information Regulations, you should make a representation for a review to FOI Appeals Officer, sthelensccg.foi@nhs.net within 40 days of receipt of the response.

If you are not satisfied with our review under the Freedom of Information Act or the Environmental Information Regulations, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) for a review of your appeal decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure.

The ICO can be contacted at;

ICO, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk

Should you need any further clarification or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angela Delea". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Angela Delea
Associate Director – Corporate Governance
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