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Dear Sir/ Madam

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Further to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding Pitolisant (Wakix), please see below our response to your request.

Request:

Is pitolisant (Wakix) an approved therapy on the trust formulary for patients with narcolepsy? If yes, has pitolisant (Wakix), been used in the last 12 months for an adult patient? If so, in how many patients has it been used?

Is pitolisant therapy reimbursed?
If yes, by whom?

Response:

Pitolisant (Wakix) is not currently an approved therapy on the Pan Mersey formulary for patients with narcolepsy. Please see the link below https://www.panmerseyapc.nhs.uk/media/1138/pitolisant_201610_ps190_v0100.pdf and also an explanation of a 'grey' drug <https://www.panmerseyapc.nhs.uk/formulary/rag-criteria/>

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.

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 cursive script that reads "Angela Delea".

Angela Delea
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