

Ref: CCG January 2016 019

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Dear

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 21 January 2016, with regards to Helicobacter Pylori Testing.

Request/**Response**

1. Helicobacter pylori testing – Adults and Adolescents

- a. A list of the tests recommended/allowed to be used for the diagnosis of a Helicobacter pylori infection within your CCG.

Helicobacter Carbon 13 Urea Breath Test (UBT).

- b. If Helicobacter test INFAL is not on the recommended/allowed list, please provide a reason.

The development of our Local Quality Improvement Scheme, first established in 2010, following the North Mersey Dyspepsia pathway.

2. Helicobacter pylori testing – Children

- a. A list of the tests recommended/allowed to be used for the diagnosis of a Helicobacter pylori infection in children within your CCG.

The North Mersey Dyspepsia pathway outlined the requirements for the Local Quality Improvement Scheme.

- b. If Helicobacter test INFAL is not on the recommended/allowed list, please provide a reason.

The North Mersey Dyspepsia pathway outlined the requirements for the Local Quality Improvement Scheme.

3. Changing a recommendation

- a. If a product/procedure is not on the recommended/allowed list, please can you advise regarding the process to be followed to have a product/procedure accepted on to the recommended/allowed list? Please can you advise of any associated contact details/information required for the process?

Each Local Quality Improvement Scheme allows the CCG to make amendments should there be changes to clinical guidance. Requests for amendments should be referred to the CCG for consideration, including current clinical guidance.

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The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Should you require any further information, clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

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