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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 24 April 2016, with regards to Pan Mersey Area Prescribing Group.

Request/**Response**

NICE in 2014 (updated October 2015) published a medicines practice guideline on developing and updating local formularies.

In 2015 the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) published guidance on developing and updating local formularies.^[1] One of the key elements inherent in developing and updating local formularies is stakeholder engagement. The formulary decision-making groups should include a locally defined mix of members from partner organisations and key stakeholders, such as patients and the public.

In the light of this guidance and in the absence of online information please send me via email:

1. Do you have an Area Prescribing Group/Committee (APC) and who is the chair?
2. Is the chair appointed or part of a role?
3. Is the APC chair a medic, consultant, pharmacist, lay representative or other?
4. How many CCGs does your APC cover?

5. How many acute trusts, mental healthcare and combined health care does your APC cover?

Please find the link to the Pan Mersey Area Prescribing Committee, the information you are requesting is all detailed on this site.

<http://www.panmerseyapc.nhs.uk/index.html>

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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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