

Ref: CCG October 013 2016

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3rd November 2016,

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 13th October 2016, with regards NICE approved treatments.

Request/**Response**

1) Does the CCG have a budget to fund new treatments/drugs approved by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) each year?

Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group does not have a specific annual budget set aside for new NICE recommendations but works with providers annually as part of setting the expected annual contract value for each of its providers. Part of that process is to horizon scan for any future new treatments/drugs etc.

2) If so, please state what this budget was for the past three financial years (2013/14 – 2015/16). Please breakdown by year

N/A

3) Please list the NICE approved treatments/drugs which the CCG does not allow clinicians to prescribe

CCG does not have a list of NICE approved treatments/drugs that clinicians are not allowed to prescribe.

4) To illustrate any trend, please provide this list for the past three financial years (2013/14 – 2015/16). Please breakdown by year

N/A

5) Please give a brief and general explanation why the CCG does not allow clinicians to prescribe these treatments/drugs?

If treatment/drug is a NICE Technology Appraisal then the CCG is obliged to fund it within 3 months of publication by NICE of the guidelines, so the CCG does not place any restrictions after this time.

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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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