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Dear

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 24th May 2019, with regards to the 'ReSPECT' Form.

Request:

The ReSPECT website tells readers 'People should not expect to use the ReSPECT process until it has been established in their locality' and I would like to understand how widely ReSPECT 'has already been rolled-out/implemented'. Many 'not 'actively ill' people', could potentially approach their GP with the question:

'I would like to have a ReSPECT Form - can you facilitate that for me, by providing the form and arranging for it to be signed by an appropriate clinician?'

and what I would like you to tell me, is if at the moment an NHS patient approached a GP 'in your CCG' and asked, would the answer be 'yes'?

It clearly isn't practicable to try and ask individual GPs/Practices, so I am asking CCGs instead [despite it not being entirely clear to me, that 'provision/completion of a ReSPECT Form' is a 'commissioned service' - however, I am aware of at least one CCG which does have 'a policy promoting ReSPECT'.].

Response:

As you have stated RESPECT will not be available until a whole locality decides to adopt it. Here in Liverpool and across the Cheshire and Merseyside area RESPECT has not been taken forward yet, we are still continuing to use and follow the North West unified DNACPR form and guidance until the formal evaluation is available from the RESPECT pilot sites.

We wish to take this opportunity to inform you that a formal complaints and internal review procedure is available to applicants who are unhappy with responses provided to FOI requests. You can formally request an internal review within a reasonable period of time (2 calendar months) from the date this response was issued.

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The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioners Office
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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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