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Dear

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 26 May 2019, with regards to the prescribing of paracetamol and ibuprofen.

Request/Response

1. Do you have a formulary used by primary care prescribers? If so, what is the status of paracetamol tablets and suspensions, ibuprofen tablets and topical non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs with respect to minor conditions associated with pain, discomfort and fever?

The formulary can be found using the following link:

<https://www.panmerseyapc.nhs.uk/>

2. Is there a current policy regarding prescription of paracetamol tablets and suspensions, ibuprofen tablets and topical non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs? If so, please provide documents and start date.

There is nothing beyond the formulary.

3. Is there a policy currently being developed regarding prescription of paracetamol tablets and suspensions, ibuprofen tablets and topical non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs? If so, please provide any documents and predicted start date.

Please see the response to question 2.

4. Has there previously been a policy regarding prescription of paracetamol tablets and suspensions, ibuprofen tablets and topical non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs that has been discarded? If so, please provide documents and start and end date.

No

5. Regarding prescribing policy has the CCG given consideration to the recent NHS England guidance “Conditions for which over the counter items should not routinely be prescribed in primary care: Guidance for CCGs” published in March 2018? If so, has this guidance been implemented, or is it planned to be implemented?

Guidance is at the planning stage at present.

6. Have you provided any education for prescribers regarding prescriptions for over-the-counter medication, in particular paracetamol tablets and suspensions, ibuprofen tablets and topical non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs? If so, when and how were these education sessions delivered (for example, meeting, didactic lecture or leaflet)?

No

7. Is there any financial incentive for GPs regarding prescription of paracetamol tablets and suspensions, ibuprofen tablets and topical non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs? If so, please provide documents.

No

8. Is there any planned action to enforce any policy regarding prescription of paracetamol tablets and suspensions, ibuprofen tablets and topical non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs should it not be upheld by prescribers? If so, please provide documents.

No

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Information Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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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,

**Corporate Services Team
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