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Email:

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Dear

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019, with regards to primary care.

**Request / Response:**

It is now known that two Clinical Commissioning Groups (NHS Mid Essex CCG and NHS Basildon and Brentwood CCG) have encouraged their General Practitioners to ask patients to consider using private medical insurance for their cancer care. This resulted in substantial increases in referrals to private health care and might have impacted positively on patient outcomes.

1. Did your Clinical Commissioning Group in any way encourage General Practitioners to ask their patients to consider using private health / medical insurance for cancer care?

**Response: No**

2. If yes, please provide the date of such communication.

**Response: N/A**

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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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**  
**NHS Liverpool CCG**