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Dear

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information received on 13 December 2019, with regards to transcranial magnetic stimulation.

**Request/Response**

1. Do you currently commission repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation (rTMS), through:

(1) Individual Funding Requests

**Response: Individual Funding Requests are considered on an individual basis and we are therefore unable to answer this question.**

(2) Core commissioned contracts

**Response: No**

(3) Prior approval?

**Response: No**

2. If you are not currently commissioning repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation (rTMS), are you considering commissioning it through either Individual Funding Requests, Prior Approval or core commissioned contracts in the next two, five or ten years?

**Response: We are not considering commissioning for rTMS through prior approval or core commissioned contracts. Individual Funding Requests are reviewed and considered on an individual basis and we are therefore unable to answer this question.**

3. Are commissioners considering any new treatments, other than drug or psychological therapies, for depression, treatment-resistant depression, anxiety, obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD), addiction, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in the next two, five or ten years?

**Response: No**

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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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