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Dear

### **Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 13 December 2019 with regards to the use of medicines in care homes.

#### **Request / Response:**

1. What data does the CCG have access to on medicine prescription, dispensing and administration in care homes and how is this collected?

**Response: The CCG does not collect data specifically around care home prescribing.**

2. What policies do you currently have within the CCG for monitoring, reviewing and optimising medicine use in care homes?

**Response: The CCG does not have a policy specifically around medicines optimisation in care homes.**

3. How is medicine prescribing, dispensing and administration within care homes in the CCG monitored?

**Response: The CCG does not collect data specifically for care homes.**

4. Are there any specialist teams within the CCG responsible for reviewing medicines within care homes, such as medicine optimisation pharmacists, and if so, what is the standard process for this?

**Response: The CCG commissions a care home medicines management team to carry out this function. Please redirect this query to Mersey Care at <https://www.merseycare.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information/>**

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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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