

Freedom of Information Request**Ref: UHB 17-515**

Date 20 October 2017

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Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trusts response is as follows:

- 1) Is it your Trust/CCG policy to wait until 90 days post NICE guidance to fund new drugs or do they fund earlier?**

The Trust's policy is to await 90days, unless Clinicians request earlier introduction. These 'early access' requests are then taken to the commissioners, through the Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG) NICE college for agreement

- 2) What is your Trust/CCG policy re use of Zero Risk (ZR)/Early Use Schemes (EUS), i.e. where a medicine is made available free of charge or at a reduced price to the NHS whilst awaiting NICE/SMC approval, in lieu of NICE?**

See Management of High Cost Medicines SOP (attachment one) and Medicines Code M4: Policy for Prescribing of Medicines Used Outside the Scope of a Product Licence (attachment two)

- 3) What is the process for getting such ZR/EUS schemes implemented/approved/signed off within your Trust/hospital? Who needs to sign the contracts for such schemes?**

EUS schemes are in place, but must be considered by the Trust's Medicines Advisory Group, and be agreed by the relevant commissioner, prior to commencing patients on treatment.

- 4) What is your Trust's policy re Individual Funding Request and/or Cohort Funding policy? Ref: IFR/Cohort Funding https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/consultation/af642939/supporting_documents/genericcommissioningpolicies.pdf**

We use the NHS England commissioning document in conjunction with process guidance within the BNSSG Joint formulary Group Terms of Reference (attachment three).

5) Do you have a pathway/preferential prescribing list, illustrating sequential use of Biologics in Dermatology? What does this recommend?

We do not have a fixed pathway at this Trust however we often go for the cheapest biologic first (currently Benepali) unless there are other patient factors.

6) How many lines/trials of biologics are allowed/funded for the management of psoriasis within your trust/CCG? What happens if a clinician needs to exceed this?

There are no stipulations on us re how many biologics we use therefore we do not hold this information.

7) If there is a biologics psoriasis pathway - how often is it updated to reflect changes to NICE status of new therapies?

Please see response to question six.

8) If there is no formulary/pathway - what do the Trust/CCG utilise in order to guide use of biologics in the management of psoriasis?

Please see response to question six.

9) How many patients attended for a new outpatient appointment in dermatology Utilising ICD-10 classification - L20 Atopic Dermatitis (Eczema) - from April 2015 - March 2016?

We do not hold this information

10)The number of paediatric attendances of patients utilising ICD-10 classification - L20 for Atopic Dermatitis (Eczema) - from April 2015 - March 2016?

We do not hold this information

11)Does your Trust have a paediatric dermatologist? Does your Trust have a paediatrician with a dermatology interest/specialism?

Yes, we have 3 paediatricians who specialise in dermatology.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Trust Secretary
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely,

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