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Dear Ms Hussain

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
COPD and Asthma Inhalers**

Thank you for your information request indicated in bold below, which has now been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 by NHS South Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), and I am able to provide you with the following information and responses.

You asked:

I would like to request the information about the following points around the CCG's decisions with patient care and its structure.

• What criteria does the CCG use to select which inhalers should be prescribed for Asthma and COPD?

1. NHS South Cheshire CCG uses the Central & Eastern Cheshire Medicines Management Team (MMT) 'Local Health Formulary Policy' and the 'New Pharmaceutical Product Request (NPR) Process 2018' to select which inhalers should be prescribed for Asthma and COPD. Please find listed below links to these documents which are available on the Central & Eastern Cheshire MMT website:

Local Health Economy Formulary Policy - Mar 2018

http://platform-ccg-live-eu-2.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/attachments/6866/original/Local_Health_Economy_Formulary_Policy_-_Mar_2018.pdf?AWSAccessKeyId=AKIAJ3TZGA3TUZPPHIWQ&Expires=1526638327&Signature=mfomPfu9fuqxRDLJPI0Ekwdwh8c%3D

New Pharmaceutical Product Request (NPR) Process - Mar 2018

http://platform-ccg-live-eu-2.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/attachments/6865/original/New_Pharmaceutical_Product_Request_%28NPR%29_Process_-_Mar_2018.pdf?AWSAccessKeyId=AKIAJ3TZGA3TUZPPHIWQ&Expires=1526638417&Signature=OcZH7HtUhfuiPqvyaUypw9ZODiw%3D



- 2. How does the CCG compare the cost-effectiveness , efficacy, safety and patient usability of different inhalers when selecting which COPD and Asthma inhalers should be included on its local guidance?**

The Central & Eastern Cheshire MMT consider the cost effectiveness, efficacy, safety and patient usability of different inhalers when selecting which COPD and Asthma inhalers should be included on its local guidance through the New Medicines Sub-Group and the Executive Prescribing Committee with any decisions ratified by the Area Prescribing Group.

- 3. Over the past three years, has the CCG introduced a planned programme of care which resulted in the medicines optimisation team, contractors or GP practices proactively reviewing patients and aligning their COPD and/or Asthma inhalers to alternative options?**

Yes, NHS South Cheshire CCG has a planned programme of care which lists alternative asthma and COPD inhalers with a view to moving patients to the most appropriate cost effective inhaler which are detailed on the enclosed list.

- 4. Please list the alternative asthma and COPD inhalers that were introduced by the CCGs medicines optimisation team, contractors or GP practices during any planned programme of care that proactively reviewed the use of asthma and/or COPD inhalers over the past 3 years.**

See response to question 3.

- 5. Over the past three years, has the CCG used a QIPP scheme to introduce a planned programme of care which resulted in the medicines optimisation team, contractors or GP practices proactively reviewing patients and aligning their COPD and/or Asthma inhalers to alternative options?**

See response to question 3.

- 6. Please list the alternative asthma and COPD inhalers that were introduced by the CCGs medicines optimisation team, contractors or GP practices when using a QIPP scheme to introduce a planned programme of care that proactively reviewed the use of asthma and/ or COPD inhalers over the past 3 years?**

See response to question 3.

I would also like to make a request for the full name, contact number and contact email for the following roles listed below within your CCG;

Roles:	Name	Telephone No	Email
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If you have any queries or concerns, wish to request a review of our response or are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to this Freedom of Information request, please do not hesitate to contact the Governance & Compliance team; details provided at the top of this letter.

If you request a review of our response and are not content with the subsequent outcome, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the Freedom of Information complaints procedure provided by NHS South Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely



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Enc: ICS/LABA Comparison Chart of Commonly Used Formulary Choices for Inhalers

