

**Reference:** FOI 25883 CHI 10H

**Subject:** Patient Care

*I can confirm that the CCG does hold some of information requested; please see responses below:*

QUESTION	Buckinghamshire CCG
I would like to request the information about the following points around the CCG's decisions with patient care and its structure.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What criteria does the CCG use to select which inhalers should be prescribed for Asthma and COPD?</li> </ul>	<p>The CCG can confirm that it does hold this information, but is exempting it under <a href="#">Section 21</a> Freedom of Information Act 2000 as it is reasonably accessible by other means. This is an absolute exemption.</p> <p>I have provided you with a link to our website which will provide you with this information:</p> <p><a href="http://www.bucksformulary.nhs.uk/chaptersSub.asp?FormularySectionID=3">http://www.bucksformulary.nhs.uk/chaptersSub.asp?FormularySectionID=3</a></p> <p>Please note that the Asthma guidelines are currently being reviewed in view of conflicting advice from BTS/NICE.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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?</li> </ul>	<p>Products are reviewed at Formulary Management Committee.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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?</li> </ul>	<p>No</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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 .</li> </ul>	<p>The CCG can confirm that it does hold this information, but is exempting it under <a href="#">Section 21</a> Freedom of Information Act 2000 as it is reasonably accessible by other means. This is an absolute exemption.</p> <p>I have provided you with a link to our website which will provide you with this information:</p> <p><a href="http://www.bucksformulary.nhs.uk/chaptersSub.asp?FormularySectionID=3">http://www.bucksformulary.nhs.uk/chaptersSub.asp?FormularySectionID=3</a></p> <p>Please note that the Asthma guidelines are currently being reviewed in view of conflicting advice from BTS/NICE.</p>

<p>• 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?</p>	<p>Use has been made of the Primary Care Development Scheme for this purpose.</p>
<p>• 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?</p>	<p>The CCG can confirm that it does hold this information, but is exempting it under <a href="#">Section 21</a> Freedom of Information Act 2000 as it is reasonably accessible by other means. This is an absolute exemption.</p> <p>I have provided you with a link to our website which will provide you with this information:</p> <p><a href="http://www.bucksformulary.nhs.uk/chaptersSub.asp?FormularySectionID=3">http://www.bucksformulary.nhs.uk/chaptersSub.asp?FormularySectionID=3</a></p> <p>Please note that the Asthma guidelines are currently being reviewed in view of conflicting advice from BTS/NICE.</p>

***The information provided in this response is accurate as of 24 April 2018, and has been authorised for release by Nicola Lester, Director of Transformation for NHS Buckinghamshire CCG.***