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Dear Mr Staunton

**Re: Freedom of Information request** 

Reference: FOI.18.NEW089 21 August 2018

Thank you for your request under the *Freedom of Information Act 2000* (the Act). This response is provided on behalf of NHS Newham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). Your request along with the CCG's response is detailed below.

I was wondering if I could please request details of payments made to pharmacies for locally commissioned NHS or private services, for example smoking cessation, emergency hormonal contraception, supervised consumption of medicines, & needle exchange services.

If you could kindly provide this in spreadsheet(s) format, with a breakdown by pharmacy (name and address), month, service, and payment, I would greatly appreciate it (if you also have the ODS code identifier for the pharmacy, then please kindly include this also). If possible, details of the most recent 12 months' worth of payments.

NHS Newham CCG does not make any direct payments to pharmacies for NHS commissioned or private services. Local authorities would normally commission services such as smoking cessation, emergency hormonal contraception, supervised consumption of medicines, & needle exchange services.

The local authority in this case is Newham Borough Council. They can be contacted using the following links:





http://www.newham.gov.uk

http://www.newham.gov.uk/FreedomOfInformation/

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	Water Lane,	
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Yours sincerely,

#### **Freedom of Information Team**

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