



27 September 2018

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DECISION NOTICE

Dear Requester

### FOI Reference Number: 18625

I refer to your email of 7 September requesting information in respect of NICE asthma guidelines.

I can confirm on behalf of Great Yarmouth and Waveney, North Norfolk, South Norfolk, Norwich and West Norfolk CCGs and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information that you have requested. A response to each element of your request is detailed below:

I am asking about plans within your CCGs to offer FeNO testing in Primary Care in accordance with the Asthma Diagnosis and management guidelines from NICE.

I appreciate that last year it was very early days as the guidelines had just been published, but time has passed, and we are now currently working on the implementation of these guidelines with other CCGs, CSU and GP Federations on local projects.

1 -We would like to please ask what the CCG's plans are now in regard to this, a year from the NICE publication?

I can confirm that currently the CCGs do not hold or have any plans in this regard.

2 -Has a project team/manager been appointed to handle the implementation of the NICE guidelines with particular focus of FeNO testing in Primary Care? N/A

3 -Have diagnostic hubs been set up as recommended by NICE in your area or are there plans do so? N/A

4 -Have financial implications/savings been evaluated in the use of FeNO testing in primary care against referral to secondary care? N/A

5 -Do you currently have ongoing pilot studies set up in your area for FeNO testing or are there any plans for this? N/A

6 - Have FeNO monitors been deployed in local hubs and if so which parameters were taken into consideration, in the choice of the model used? N/A

I hope that this answers your queries with the information we currently hold, but if I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

If 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

Arden & GEM CSU  
FOI Team, Room 18  
Scarsdale  
Newbold Road  
Chesterfield  
S41 7PF

Email [agcus.foi.norfolkwaveneyccgs@nhs.net](mailto:agcus.foi.norfolkwaveneyccgs@nhs.net)

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided the CCG.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF, telephone 0303 123 1113, email [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

*The FOIA gives a right of access to information but no right to re-use it. Datasets provided may be subject to Intellectual Property Rights and the re-use of datasets requires permission. Please contact us if you intend to re-use information provided by us.*

*For the conditions of re-use please refer to the Open Government License for public sector information: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/2/>*

Yours faithfully

Philip Humphreys

**FOI Manager, Arden & GEM CSU**

**On behalf of  
Great Yarmouth and Waveney,  
North Norfolk, South Norfolk  
Norwich and West Norfolk CCGs**