



10 October 2018

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DECISION NOTICE

Dear Requester

**FOI Reference Number: 18645**

I refer to your email of 12 September requesting information in respect of freestyle libre.

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 hold the information that you have requested. A response to each element of your request is detailed below:

**Q1.** Please state whether your CCG currently offers Freestyle Libre on NHS prescription to patients with type 1 diabetes. (please state "yes" or "no")  
No, the CCGs currently do not.

However it has been identified that there is a cohort of patients for whom this would be appropriate. A proposal, based on East of England Priorities Advisory Committee's criteria, will be presented to the relevant committees for agreement on a local basis. If agreed, this will be managed through secondary care.

**Q2.** If the answer to Q1 was "yes", please state:

- a) When your CCG begun offering Freestyle Libre on NHS prescription
- b) Any specific criteria that patients have to meet in order to be eligible to receive Freestyle Libre

Whilst our response to Q1 is "no", a proposal is in progress regarding it's funding in the future. If agreed, there will be specific prescribing criteria. Patients will be managed through secondary care.

**Q3.** Please state the total number of NHS patients who have obtained Freestyle Libre on prescription in your CCG since Freestyle Libre was listed in the NHS drug tariff on 1st of November 2017. (please state "zero" if applicable) **not currently commissioned.**

**Q4.** Please state your CCG's total spend on prescribing Freestyle Libre to date. (please state "zero" if applicable).

Whilst the CCGs do not currently fund prescriptions for Freestyle Libre, some GPs have prescribed it contrary to the "not commissioned" position. The CCGs have therefore incurred a spend of £4,937 (November 2017 to July 2018) across all 5 Norfolk and Waveney CCGs.

**Q5.** Please state when your CCG next intends to review its commissioning policy on Freestyle Libre. Please note the responses to Q1 and Q2. This is currently being reviewed at present and going through governance and the commissioning process.

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

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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)

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Yours faithfully

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