



24 October 2018

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DECISION NOTICE

Dear Requester

FOI Reference Number: 18724

I refer to your email of 4 October requesting information in respect of prescribing gluten free foods.

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.

Please could you provide the framework/policy for continued prescribing of gluten free foods in exceptional circumstances e.g. whether this is through individual funding request or clinical discretion for the following CCGs:

- *Great Yarmouth and Waveney CCG*
- *North Norfolk CCG*
- *Norwich CCG*
- *South Norfolk CCG*
- *West Norfolk CCG*

Response

I can confirm that for the central Norfolk CCGs (Norwich, South and North Norfolk) the commissioning position is that the provision of any gluten-free foods is not currently supported i.e. not commissioned. The same applies for Great Yarmouth and Waveney CCG.

The position for West Norfolk CCG is slightly different in that provision of gluten free bread and flour for children is permitted.

Any requests for funding/prescribing (other than for children within West Norfolk CCG) would therefore require the completion and submission of an Individual Funding Request application.

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

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Yours faithfully

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