



## Freedom of Information request & West Norfolk CCG response

### WN-2016-000214 – Funding of Drugs

For each of the financial years 2014/2015, 2015/2016, and 2016/2017 to date, please provide details:

- 1. Details of any drugs or treatments you have decided to no longer fund. Please include drugs and treatments you no longer fund for any patients, as well as those where you no longer fund them for patients who fail to meet certain criteria. Please specify what those criteria are for each drug or treatment.**

*NHS North Norfolk, NHS South Norfolk and NHS Norwich CCG have stopped funding gluten free products on prescription in 2015.*

*NHS West Norfolk CCG have stopped funding gluten free products on prescription for adults only in 2015.*

- 2. Details of any drugs you are funding, and for which conditions, outside of NICE's national drug-funding policy, and any treatments you fund, and for which conditions, which are not NICE approved.**

*Under section 12 (1) of the FOIA and under the Freedom of Information Act and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, a Clinical Commissioning Group is exempt from complying with a request if we estimate that the cost of determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving it and extracting it from other information would exceed 'the appropriate limit' of £450.00, which is effectively 18 hours of work. This is calculated at £25 per hour for every hour spent on the activities described. We confirm that we hold the information requested but it would take more than 18 hours to provide it.*

*The CCG would be required to conduct a search through every drug in the BNF and cross check with our formularies and with the meetings we have. The CCG also fund some drugs for which a formal decision has not been made. It would take much longer than 18 hours to collate the information requested.*

*The CCG are mindful of our duty under section 16 of the Act to provide reasonable advice and assistance to you, and have attached our combined commissioning list which has the drugs on it where decisions have been made. This cannot be separated into different years.*