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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received into this office on 1st November 2017.

You Asked for:

1. For each of the listed licensed Somatropin preparations in the table below (Table 1.1 – Somatropin Table) please provide information on:

(Please provide answers in the table provided)

Restrictions
i) Are there any restrictions to the prescribing of each preparation?
IF YES - Please state, where possible, the reason for the restriction and if the restriction applies to children (patients aged 18 or under)
ii) Are there any planned changes to these restrictions over the period of the rest of this financial year (2017/18) and 2018/19?
IF YES - please provide details of planned changes.

	Restrictions			
	Restricted? **Yes/No**	**If restricted, please state reason given.**	**Does this restriction apply to children (patients aged 18 or under)?**	**Are there any Planned changes to Restricted status?** **Yes/No** **If yes please provide details**
Genotropin				
Humatrope				

Nordiflex				
Norditropin				
Nutropin				
Omnitrope				
Saizen				
Zomacton				

Table 1.1. Somatropin Table

2. Please provide a copy of the latest written policy, protocol, pathways, shared care agreement or other literature outlining your organisation's recommendations for the use of licensed Somatropin preparations in children (patients aged 18 or under) in line with NICE TA 188?

If the information is already in the public domain could you please provide the direct URL to where this information is located?

3. Are local policies for the use or restriction of licensed Somatropin preparations in patients aged 18 or under led by specialists in hospital or medicines optimisation/medicines management pharmacists within your organisation?

4. Does your organisation monitor adherence or have internal audits in place to monitor adherence in patients who have been prescribed a Somatropin product?

IF YES please provide details:

Our Response:

NHS Wirral CCG follow NICE guidance for children's and adults as per NICE TA188 and TA64 respectively.

Formulary and shared care guidance information for NHS Wirral CCG is available at;
http://mm.wirral.nhs.uk/default.aspx

The growth hormone Somatropin is listed on the Wirral health economy list as per formulary:
http://mm.wirral.nhs.uk/document_uploads/formulary/Wirral-Formulary-v25.pdf

In Wirral, Somatropin has a RAG status of RED for adults and AMBER for children as per NICE guidance – please see the link for the RAG list for further information;
http://mm.wirral.nhs.uk/document_uploads/guidelines/RAG-list-October-2017-v1.0-FINAL.pdf

For children treatment with Somatropin is initiated and monitored by a specialist as per NICE guidance TA188. The choice of product is made on an individual basis dependent with the specialist/patient or carer, taking the advantages and disadvantages of products into consideration, the therapeutic need and the likelihood of adherence to treatment. If after these discussions more than one product is suitable then, as per NICE guidance, the choice would be based on the least costly product.

For adults treatment is per guidance within NICE TA64.

We hope this information is useful, however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team (contact details at the top of this letter)

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