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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 3rd January 2018.

You Asked for:

1. Do you **commission** first line screening e.g. full 4 antibody IHC and/or MSI for molecular features of Lynch syndrome in all newly diagnosed bowel cancer patients?
 - Yes, this test is commissioned for all bowel cancer patients as per DG27 NICE guidance
 - Yes, but it is only commissioned in bowel cancer patients aged under 50 years at diagnosis - please specify why the guidance has not been implemented.
 - No, we do not commission this test – please specify why.
 - Other commissioning strategy – please provide information.
2. If first line screening **is** currently commissioned (either in all cases or as a subset) are second and third line genomic tests being commissioned in cases of MLH1 loss i.e. BRAF mutation and MLH1 promoter methylation, as per DG27 NICE guidance?
 - Both BRAF mutation and MLH1 promoter methylation are commissioned
 - Only BRAF mutation is commissioned.
 - Only MLH1 promoter methylation is commissioned.
 - Neither are commissioned. Please specify why
3. If the full NICE guidance (DG27) **is not** currently implemented, do you intend to commission screening for molecular features of Lynch syndrome in all newly diagnosed bowel cancer patients across your area?
 - Yes, we intend to commission universal testing as per DG27
 - No, we do not intend to commission DG27 – please provide information on why.

Our Response:

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group commissions cancer services for its population from a number of Acute Trust providers, Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust provides the majority of diagnosis and treatment services for Colorectal Cancer using tertiary centres where appropriate. The CCG commissions such services to be delivered in line with NICE guidance but does not, however, specify which diagnostic tests are required for each cancer type/patient cohort.

For a more detailed answer I recommend that you redirect your query to Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust via the email address below:

wih-tr.AccessToInformationOffice@nhs.net.

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)

Yours sincerely

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