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Re: Freedom of Information Request - Fremanezumab

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on the 11th December 2020.

You Asked for:

I am writing to you to request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the following:

1. Accessing newly approved migraine treatment - Fremanezumab
2. The number of headache specialists/clinics in your commissioning area

I would be grateful if you would let me know:

1. Whether you have signed the relevant documentation to make Fremanezumab available for patients who are eligible
2. Has it been signed off and implemented?
3. Was access to Fremanezumab signed within the 90 days of National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) approval?
4. How many patients have blue tech approval in your clinical commissioning area?
5. How many specialists are there in your area/do you have a headache specialist clinic?
6. Do you know the waiting time to access a specialist who prescribes Fremanezumab?
7. Whether the administration of any of the treatments is monitored by a headache specialist (yes/no)
8. Has there been applications to access the drug made by patients?

Our Response:

1. NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is under the Pan Mersey Area Prescribing Committee (APC). I can confirm that NHS Wirral CCG does commission the use of Fremanezumab for its licensed indications as per National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) guidelines.
2. Please see the answer to question number 1.
3. Yes.
4. NHS Wirral CCG does not use Blueteq, so unfortunately, we are unable to provide a response for this question.
5. One specialist Trust would provide this service.
6. NHS Wirral CCG does not hold this data. Please can I suggest that you contact the provider directly. I have included their details below, should you wish to do so:

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust - enquiries@thewaltoncentre.nhs.uk

7. Yes.

8. No as applications are not required by patients.

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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