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## **Re: Freedom of Information Request - NHS prescriptions for Sativex**

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021.

### **You Asked for:**

1. How many NHS prescriptions for Sativex have been issued within your Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) each month since September 2019 to the latest available date? Please specify, if possible, whether the data reflects community dispensed/primary care prescriptions, secondary care prescriptions, or both.
2. How many unique patients have been issued an NHS prescription within your CCG each month since September 2019 to the latest available date?
3. Is Sativex currently on your formulary?
4. Do you have a shared care agreement (or shared care guidance) between primary and specialist care in place to support prescribing of Sativex?

### **Our Response:**

1. Unfortunately, this information cannot be disclosed as it could potentially identify the individuals involved, especially if combined with other data, and this would constitute a breach of the Data Protection Act 1998. Therefore, this information is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
2. Please see the answer to question number 2.
3. NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) follows the Pan Mersey formulary. Further information regarding Sativex can be found on the links provided below:
  - <https://www.panmerseyapc.nhs.uk/document-store/cannabis-extract-orumucosal-spray-sativex/>
  - <http://formulary.panmerseyapc.nhs.uk/chapterSubDetails.asp?FormularySectionID=10&SubSectionRef=10.02.02&SubSectionID=A100>
4. Please see the answer to question number 3.

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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