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Re: Freedom of Information Request - Withdrawn services

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 14th June 2021.

You Asked for:

Please can you provide a complete list of all health treatments and interventions including those provided on prescription that have been discontinued or withdrawn in the last five years for any reason in Wirral.

Please provide a separate list of the above that are still available but now require further bureaucratic or other steps such as for example special requests for funding.

Please provide a list of the above that are now only available privately.

Our Response:

The procedures of Limited Clinical Priority have been updated twice since January 2017. The latest version is available on the NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group's (CCG's) website. The document clearly indicates all procedures that were updated as part of the April 2019 amendments. These are indicated "Updated" in the first column. I have included a link below for your information:

<https://www.wirralccg.nhs.uk/about-us/policies/procedures-of-low-clinical-priority/>

The previous version of the policy, which has been attached, was updated and published on the 1st April 2017. Amendments to the policy are indicated with the word "New" in the first column.

All medicines are subject to restricted use at the discretion of an appropriate healthcare professional following a clinical assessment and taking into account national and local guidance. NHS Wirral CCG has a process for people who are not eligible for treatment to be considered on an individual basis if the guidance does not fit their circumstances.

On that basis, all medicines are available to all people but that's not to say they will be prescribed.

The policies for Individual Funding Requests (IFR's) and guidance on Prescribing in Primary Care following a Private Consultation are available via the NHS Wirral CCG website. Please see below for more information:

- <https://www.wirralccg.nhs.uk/about-us/policies/>
- <http://formulary.panmerseyapc.nhs.uk/>
- <https://www.panmerseyapc.nhs.uk/media/2220/private.pdf>

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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