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Re: Freedom of Information Request - Topical Steroid Withdrawal reactions

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on the 26th January 2022.

You Asked for:

On the 15th of September 2021, the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) released an alert entitled "[Topical corticosteroids: information on the risk of topical steroid withdrawal reactions](#)" which included advice for healthcare professionals on how to reduce the risk of severe adverse effects that can occur on stopping treatment with topical corticosteroids.

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information on this matter to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I wish to be sent information about the following:

1. Confirmation as to whether or not this alert has been discussed in any committees. If so I would like to know when this was discussed and see the minutes of the meeting.
2. If the GPs under your management are aware of this alert.
3. What your plans are to monitor patients who are exhibiting symptoms of Topical Steroid Withdrawal reactions

Our Response:

1. This alert has not been discussed in any committees held by NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).
2. This information was included in the Medicines Safety Assurance Tool (MSAT) and the tablets newsletter. Please see the links provided below for further information.
 - <https://mm.wirral.nhs.uk/newsalerts/msat.html>
 - <https://mm.wirral.nhs.uk/newsalerts/>The information was also shared in the Primary Care Communications bulletin. Please see the attached email for more information.
3. There are currently no plans in place.

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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