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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4285

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 09th March 2020.

Your request was as follows:

1. Since 1 November 2018, how many applications regarding unlicensed Cannabis-Based Products for Medicinal Use (CBPMs) have been received by your Drug and Therapeutic Committee, or a similar clinical governance body? Please exclude Sativex and Epidiolex.

- a. Please provide the therapeutic indication for the applications received e.g. chronic pain
- b. Please detail from which department the request originated?

1. None
a. N/A
b. N/A

2. Of the total number of applications to your Drug and Therapeutic Committee, or a similar clinical governance body, how many applications for unlicensed CBPMs has the Trust declined since 1 November 2018? Please provide any details as to the reason/s behind declining the applications.

N/A

3. Of the total number of applications to your Drug and Therapeutic Committee, or a similar clinical governance body, how many applications for unlicensed CBPMs has the Trust accepted since 1 November 2018? Please provide any details of the application accepted where possible, including the cost of reimbursement and the product/s prescribed.

- a. Please provide the therapeutic indication for the applications received e.g. chronic pain
- b. Please detail from which department the request originated?

N/A

4. For applications to your Drug and Therapeutic Committee, or a similar clinical governance body, that have been accepted, please advise what the subsequent stage was (if there was one)? E.g. an Individual Funding Request being submitted or new entries being added to the Trust Formulary.

N/A

5. Please clarify whether funding for unlicensed Cannabis-Based Products for Medicinal Use is at CCG or Trust level?

N/A

6. Please clarify whether your Trust operates a policy with a capped number of prescriptions or duration of prescriptions for unlicensed Cannabis-Based Products for Medicinal Use?

No here at The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust we do not operate a policy with a capped number of prescriptions or duration of prescriptions for unlicensed Cannabis-Based Products for Medicinal Use.

Please see our response above in blue.

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 4285 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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