

Information Governance

28 October 2016

Our Ref: RFI 18655

Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Information relating to Budgets for Fund new Treatment/Drugs approved by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) each year etc

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for the information relating to the above which you requested on 13 October 2016.

A response to each of the questions raised is attached in Appendix A.

Under the terms of the legislation, if you are unhappy with this response you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. If you wish to do so, please write to me at the address below.

If after such a review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner who will undertake an independent review. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Information Governance &
Directorate Support

Questions

- Does the Trust have a budget to fund new treatment/drugs approved by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) each year?
- If so, please state what this budget was for the past three financial years (2013/2014-2015/2016). Please breakdown by year.
- Please list the NICE approved treatments/drugs which the Trust does not allow clinicians to prescribe.
- To illustrate any trend, please provide this list for the past three financial years (2013/2014-2015/2016). Please breakdown by year.
- Please give a brief and general explanation why the Trust does not allow clinicians to prescribe these treatment/drugs.

Response

The Head of Pharmacy and Medicines Management has confirmed that the Trust follows the Health & Social Care Board's (HSCB) managed entry process which is detailed on the NI formulary. Details of drugs approved/declined is available via the link below:-

<http://niformulary.hscni.net/managedentry/pages/defaults.aspx>

However, if you wish to receive a full response to your request, I would suggest you make contact with the HSCB directly on foi.hscb@hscni.net