



Nottingham and Nottinghamshire
Clinical Commissioning Group

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Our reference: NN/20/3053

Dear Requestor

RE: Freedom of Information Request

With reference to your request for information I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do not hold the information that you have requested. A response to each part of your request is below.

In the request you asked:

Having looked through your formulary it would appear you do not have a local pathway for biologic prescribing in rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis and ankylosing spondylitis and that you just follow NICE guidelines. Can I confirm if this is correct? Can I also please clarify what is the maximum number of biologics the CCG will commission for patients with rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis and ankylosing spondylitis before an IFR needs to be submitted?

The CCG is in the process of developing pathways for the use of biologics, this is being done in collaboration with local providers.

The CCG commissions in accordance with the Regional Medicines Optimisation Committee (RMOC) advisory statement on the 'Sequential Use of Biologic Medicines' <https://www.sps.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Sequential-use-of-biologic-medicines-RMOC-v-2.0-1.docx>

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Yours sincerely

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