

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 partially hold the information that you have requested. A response to each part of your request is below.

Please note, as of 1st April 2020 the following Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), NHS Mansfield & Ashfield CCG, NHS Newark & Sherwood CCG, NHS Nottingham City CCG, NHS Nottingham North & East CCG, NHS Nottingham West CCG and NHS Rushcliffe CCG, merged to become NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG. More information around the new NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG can be found on our website - <https://nottsccg.nhs.uk/about-us/our-ccg/>

In the request you asked:

1. Accessing newly approved migraine treatment – Fremanezumab
 - Fremanezumab is classified as RED on the medicines formulary and is prescribed within hospital only. You may wish to contact the individual providers to request this information. Contact details for Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Nottingham University Hospital NHS Trust can be found below.
2. The number of headache specialists/clinics in your commissioning area
 - The CCG does not hold this information. You may wish to contact individual providers to request this information. Contact details for Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Nottingham University Hospital NHS Trust can be found below.

I would be grateful if you would let me know:

1. Whether you have signed the relevant documentation to make Fremanezumab available for patients who are eligible
 - Fremanezumab is classified as RED on the medicines formulary and is prescribed within hospital only. You may wish to contact the individual providers to request this information. Contact details for Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Nottingham University Hospital NHS Trust can be found below.
2. Has it been signed off and implemented
 - Fremanezumab is classified as RED on the medicines formulary and is prescribed within hospital only. You may wish to contact the individual providers to request this information. Contact details for Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Nottingham University Hospital NHS Trust can be found below.
3. Was access to Fremanezumab signed within the 90 days of NICE approval
 - Fremanezumab was added to the formulary with 90 days of NICE technology appraisal (TA)
4. How many patients have blue tech approval in your clinical commissioning area
 - The CCG does not hold this information. Blueteq is used for prior approval for all of the procedures included in the CCGs Service Restricted Commissioning Policy. The treatment of migraine is not included in the policy, so prior approval would not be sought from our provider trusts for treatment. You may wish to contact the individual providers to request this information. Contact details for Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Nottingham University Hospital NHS Trust can be found below.

5. How many specialists are there in your area/do you have a headache specialist clinic
 - The CCG does not hold this information, you may wish to contact the individual providers to request this information. Contact details for Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Nottingham University Hospital NHS Trust can be found below.
6. Do you know the waiting time to access a specialist who prescribes Fremanezumab
 - The CCG does not hold this information, you may wish to contact the individual providers to request this information. Contact details for Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Nottingham University Hospital NHS Trust can be found below.
7. Whether the administration of any of the treatments is monitored by a headache specialist (yes/no)
 - The CCG does not hold this information, you may wish to contact the individual providers to request this information. Contact details for Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Nottingham University Hospital NHS Trust can be found below.
8. Has there been applications to access the drug made by patients
 - The CCG does not hold this information, you may wish to contact the individual providers to request this information. Contact details for Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Nottingham University Hospital NHS Trust can be found below.

Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - <https://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk/about-us/contact-us/access-information-from-a-public-body-freedom-of-information-act/>

Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust - <https://www.nuh.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information>

If you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group have an internal review procedure through which you can raise any concerns you might have. Further details of this procedure can be obtained by contacting Lucy Branson, Associate Director of Governance via lucy.branson@nhs.net or by writing to NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG, 1 Standard Court, Park Row, Nottingham, NG1 6GN.

If you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether the organisation has complied with its obligations under the Act, and can require the organisation to remedy any problems. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group formerly known as NHS Mansfield and Ashfield Clinical Commissioning Group, NHS Newark and Sherwood Clinical Commissioning Group, NHS Rushcliffe Clinical Commissioning Group, NHS Nottingham West Clinical Commissioning Group, NHS Nottingham City Clinical Commissioning Group and Nottingham North and East Clinical Commissioning Group. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/>

Complaints to the Information Commissioner's Office should be sent to: FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF
Telephone 0303 123 1113 or report a concern: <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Officer on behalf of *NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group formerly known as NHS Rushcliffe Clinical Commissioning Group, NHS Nottingham West Clinical Commissioning Group, NHS Nottingham City Clinical Commissioning Group, NHS Nottingham North and East Clinical Commissioning Group, NHS Mansfield and Ashfield Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS Newark and Sherwood Clinical Commissioning Group.*

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