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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DECISION NOTICE

Dear Requester

FOI Reference Number: 001694

I refer to your email of 27th May 2020 requesting information in respect of the CCG's biologic pathways for 3 specific conditions.

I can confirm on behalf of NHS Lincolnshire CCG and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do hold the information that you have requested. A response to each element of your request is detailed below.

Established on 1 April 2020, the CCG is a newly formed public sector organisation, though we hold information pertaining to NHS Lincolnshire East, NHS Lincolnshire West, NHS South Lincolnshire and NHS South West Lincolnshire CCGs which date back to April 2013.

ORIGINAL FOI REQUEST and RESPONSE

Please can you provide me with details of the CCG's most up to date biologic pathways for the following 3 conditions from NHS Lincolnshire CCG for the following conditions:-

- Rheumatoid Arthritis,
- Psoriatic Arthritis and
- Ankylosing Spondylitis Biologic Pathways

The requester has looked on the PACEF website but cannot find what he/she is looking for.

RESPONSE

NHS Lincolnshire CCG currently have no locally agreed specific treatment pathways for the conditions listed in your FOI request, other than the recommendations in our Lincolnshire Joint Formulary which can be found here <http://www.lincolnshirejointformulary.nhs.uk/> and the relevant NICE TAs that can be found on the NICE website.

The CCG's main provider trust (the United Lincolnshire Hospitals Trust [ULHT]) are beginning to develop some biologics pathways, but our understanding is that these are not yet complete or in use. Should you wish to contact the FOI team within ULHT directly, their contact details are as follows:-

United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust
Trust Headquarters
Lincoln County Hospital
Greetwell Road
Lincoln
LN2 5QY
Email: FOI@ulh.nhs.uk

I hope that this answers your queries with the information we currently hold, but if I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to

Arden & GEM Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit
FOI TEAM, Room 18
Scarsdale Hospital
Chesterfield
S41 7PF

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided the CCG.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: telephone 0303 123 1113, email casework@ico.org.uk and <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

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Yours faithfully

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Information Governance Officer
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