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Freedom of Information Request

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

1. Please supply me with your most up to date wound care formulary (please indicate if you do not work from a formulary)?
2. Who has operational responsibility for the formulary including the addition or deletion of products?
3. Please provide information on how compliance with your formulary is enforced?
4. Please provide information on how products are evaluated prior to being accepted onto the formulary? If this is part of a clinical evaluation or clinical trial, please provide the results.
5. Please provide information on who is responsible for the cost of wound care in your setting – is it CCG or Acute?
6. Please provide information if the wound care products are on prescription FP10?
7. Please provide a list of the wound care products that you are planning to keep on prescription FP10?
8. Please provide information if you are planning to take wound care products off prescription FP10?
9. Please provide a list of the wound care products that you are planning to take off prescription FP10?
10. Do you hold information about your patient demographic? If so, please provide information on what is your patient demographic and what are the most commonly treated wounds from your patient demographic
11. Please provide any information that you have relating to the average monthly usage of each product in the formulary?
12. Please provide information on the number of wound care products used that are not currently on the formulary?
13. Please provide any information on the monthly usage levels for non-formulary wound care products in the last twelve months?
14. How often do you review your wound care formulary and when was this last undertaken?
15. Please provide information about the procedure that you use of the information you assess when reviewing your formulary?
16. Please provide a list of the suppliers that are currently on your formulary?
17. Please provide figures for your total spend on wound care products in 2015 and 2016?
18. Please provide figures for your total spend on Compression bandages in 2015 and 2016?
19. Please provide figures for your total spend on Foam dressings in 2015 and 2016?
20. Please provide figures for your total spend on Anti-Microbial wound care products in 2015 and 2016?
21. Please provide figures for your total spend on Alginate (Silver) wound care products in 2015 and 2016?
22. Please provide figures for your total spend on Hydrocolloid wound care products in 2015 and 2016?

23. Please provide figures for your total spend on Wound contact products in 2015 and 2016?
24. Please provide figures for your total spend on Exudate Absorber (Super Absorber) Dressings products in 2015 and 2016?
25. Please provide figures for your total spend on Acute Wound Care products - Post Op Film Dressing Plus Pads, Steri-Strips, Stockinette and Semi Permeable Film Dressings in 2015 and 2016?
26. Please provide figures for your total spend on Skin Integrity wound products – Barrier Films and Barrier Creams in 2015 and 2016?
27. Please provide figures for your total spend on Vascular Access wound products – Semi Permeable Film Dressings and IV Dressings in 2015 and 2016?
28. Please provide figures for your total spend on hosiery products in 2015 and 2016?
29. Are you planning on collaborating with another healthcare entity to provide wound care services?
30. Please provide information on your current supply route – DHL, wholesaler or vendor direct?
31. Do you currently have a contract in place for supply of wound care products? If so when does it expire?
32. Please provide information on how many delivery points do you have for wound care deliveries?
33. Please provide information on how many community locations are holding stock of wound care and prescribing to the community?
34. Please provide information on what software platform do you use for ordering wound care products?
35. Do you have a wound care clinic in place for your local demographic and where do your referrals come from?

NHS Norwich CCG response

NHS Norwich CCG would like to respond as follows:

The CCG is unable to provide the information requested by virtue of section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. To answer your request in full would exceed the appropriate limit of £450 (equivalent of 18 hours of work) set by the Freedom of Information (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

Under section 12 of the Act, the CCG is not obliged to comply with a request if it is estimated that the cost of determining whether the information is held, locating and retrieving it and extracting it from other information would exceed the appropriate limit. This is calculated at £25 per hour for every hour spent on the activities described.

The Medicines Management Team have advised there are hundreds of products in the drug tariff and it would take longer than 18 hours to manually search and extract the information which may be held by the CCG. Furthermore, due to the nature of the data and the method in which it is recorded it would be very time consuming to locate, retrieve, extract and provide this information.

The CCG is mindful of its duty under section 16 of the Act to provide reasonable advice and assistance to you, and specifically to advise how you might narrow your request so that it complies with the time limit. It is advised you refer to the NHS Business Authority (<https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk>) as a lot of prescribing data is available in the public domain.



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Thereafter, if the request is still in breach of section 12, it is advised you refine your query and request sections which are more important to you to enable to CCG to respond to these elements.