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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received into this office on 23rd January 2017.

You Asked for:

We request information in relation to all the medicines listed below which are marketed for the treatment of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease:

- a) Anoro (vilanterol and umeclidinium) which is marketed by GlaxoSmithKline
- b) Braltus (tiotropium) which is marketed by Teva
- c) Duaklir (aclidinium bromide and formoterol fumarate dihydrate) which is marketed by Astra Zeneca
- d) Eklira (aclidinium) which is marketed by Astra Zeneca
- e) Incruse (umeclidinium) which is marketed by GlaxoSmithKline
- f) Seebri (glycopyrronium) which is marketed by Novartis
- g) Spiolto (tiotropium and olodaterol) which is marketed by Boehringer Ingelheim
- h) Spiriva (tiotropium) which is marketed by Boehringer Ingelheim
- i) Ultibro (indacaterol and glycopyrronium) which is marketed by Novartis or Pfizer

(the “**COPD Medicines**”).

In respect of each of the COPD Medicines, please could you provide us with the following information:

- 1) A copy of any agreement relating to a rebate, discount, patient access, risk-sharing or other pricing scheme entered into by NHS Wirral CCG in relation to the COPD Medicines which results in NHS Wirral CCG paying less than the NHS list price for such COPD Medicines (whether by way of discount, rebate etc).

- 2) A copy of any communications between NHS Wirral CCG and the company or companies marketing such COPD Medicine in relation to such scheme

Any information or requests sent to GP practices comprised within the CCG in the 6 months since contract signature with respect to such COPD Medicines schemes

Our Response:

- 1) NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group has a rebate with Boehringer Ingelheim.
- 2) There are no communications between NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group and the company or companies marketing such COPD Medicine in relation to such scheme
- 3) There is has been no information or requests sent to GP practices comprised within the CCG in the 6 months since contract signature with respect to such COPD Medicines schemes

With regards to your request for a copy of the agreement relating to a rebate, discount, patient access, risk-sharing or other pricing scheme; NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) feels that this point is exempt under Freedom of Information (FOI) Act Section 43.

Section 43 of the FOI Act sets out an exemption from the right to know if:

- The information requests is a trade secret, or
- The release of the information is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person. (A person may be an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity.)

NHS Wirral CCG are satisfied following the consideration of the public interest test, that to release this information would be likely to have an impact on the organisation and therefore we will not be disclosing this information.

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