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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 4th February 2016.

You Asked for:

1. How many people with MS in your CCG (including the source for this number):
 - a. Relapsing-Remitting MS
 - b. Primary Progressive MS
 - c. Secondary Progressive MS
 - d. Benign MS
 - e. Unconfirmed Type
2. The percentage of each of 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, and 1e, who receive an annual review from healthcare professional with expertise in MS, and it's complications (NICE guidelines (CG186)).
3. The current waiting times targets for accessing an appointment with a Consultant Neurologist with MS expertise for:
 - a. New appointments
 - b. Follow up appointments

Unfortunately NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group does not hold the level of information for questions 1 - 3. I would suggest for you to contact the provider, The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust, direct on:

**Freedom of Information Officer
Second Floor
Sid Watkins Building
Lower Lane
Fazakerley
Liverpool
L9 7BB**

enquiries@thewaltoncentre.nhs.uk

4. The number of Individual Funding Requests (IFRs) received for each of the treatments below.

There have been 4 Individual Funding Requests received for d. Botox from the below list. There have been no requests received for any of the other licensed treatments below.

5. The number of people with MS currently being prescribed the following licensed treatments for multiple sclerosis

- a. Avonex (Beta interferon – 1a)
- b. Aubagio® (Teriflunomide)
- c. Betaferon (Interferon beta 1b)
- d. Botox (Botulinum toxin)
- e. Copaxone (Glatiramer Acetate)
- f. Extavia (Beta interferon – 1b)
- g. Fampyra® (Fampridine)
- h. Gilenya (Fingolimod)
- i. Lemtrada (Alemtuzumab)
- j. Plegridy (Peginterferon beta 1a)
- k. Rebif® (Beta interferon – 1a)
- l. Sativex (Nabiximols)
- m. Tecfidera (Dimethyl fumarate)
- n. Tysabri (Natalizumab)

Within the period of April 2015 to November 2015, the following number of people within NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group have been prescribed with the following;

e. Copaxone (Glatiramer Acetate)

There has been 1 prescription prescribed only, thus indicating 1 patient has received this drug. This was prescribed earlier in the financial year and is not current at the time of writing this response.

l. Sativex (Nabiximols)

There have been 19 prescriptions across 4 practices, thus indicating 4 patients have received this drug. Only one of these was still being prescribed in October and November.

All other drugs have zero prescribing by GPs as these are specialist drugs that would only be recommended by specialist centres.

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