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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 October 2014.

You Asked for information from within the period of 1 April 2009 to 31 August 2009.

- 1) Internal correspondence within the relevant PCT related to the advise provided by Sanofi-Aventis including any documents that describe the nature of the advise provided by Sanofi-Aventis and including any copies of documents authored by Sanofi-Aventis including the advice described above.**

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group did not become a statutory body until 1st April 2013 and therefore unfortunately does not hold information from before this time. You may wish to contact the Department of Health Legacy Team with your request for information, via the following link, as they hold this information:

Reviewsandinformation@dh.gsi.gov.uk

- 2) Notes of any internal meetings or telephone conversations within the relevant PCT on this subject**

Please see response to question 1.

- 3) Correspondence between within the relevant PCT and other PCT on this subject**

Please see response to question 1.

- 4) Copies of prescribing guidance in relation to generic clopidogrel issued by the relevant PCT and/or CCG between 1 July 2009 and the present.**

The prescribing guidance relating to Clopidogrel is the joint Wirral cardiovascular formulary, recommending the use of Clopidogrel as part of antiplatelet therapy. The guidelines are available at:

http://mm.wirral.nhs.uk/document_uploads/formulary/FullCVJune14.pdf

The guidelines, as above, were issued in February 2013 and due for review in 2015. Therefore for copies of the guidelines from before this time, I would advise for you to contact the Department of Health Legacy Team (contact details provided in question 1).

I hope this sufficiently answers your FOI enquiry however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the FOI team (contact details at the top of this letter).

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