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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 21st July.

You Asked for:

I understand Medicines Management within Clinical Commissioning Groups base their commissioning and prescribing recommendations on an evidence-based approach which balances the safety, tolerability, effectiveness, cost and simplicity of treatments. The aim of this approach means that patients receive better, safer more convenient care and scarce resources are optimally allocated.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I wonder if you could let me know the level of clinical evidence, cost effectiveness data and other supporting evidence the Medicines Management team require to consider recommending its adoption by the clinical commissioning programs or its incorporation into local guidelines for an ISO accredited Class IIA medical device?

Specifically we are collating a portfolio of information for Accel-Heal, an electroceutical medical treatment device designed to improve and accelerate healing rates, reduce pain and exudate in patients with complex wounds when used alongside standard dressings. Accel-Heal is certified as a Class IIA device under the medical directive 93/42/EEC. It has full Medical Devices Directive approval under ISO 13485:2003.

Synapse Electroceutical Ltd, the company behind Accel-Heal wishes to fulfil the suitability criteria for a Medicines Management consideration so being specific about the type and level of information required is necessary.

Our Response:

The CCG does not have a specific policy regarding the level of clinical evidence, cost effectiveness data and other supporting evidence for consideration of recommending adoption of an ISO accredited Class IIA medical device into the CCG's commissioning programs or incorporation into local guidelines.

For the product described above this would be considered by the Wirral Wound Care Group. They are responsible for the development and implementation of a joint wound management formulary, between the CCG, Hospital Trust and Community Trust. The group reports to Wirral Drugs and Therapeutics Panel and Medical Devices and Product Review Team for Wirral

University Teaching Hospital and Medicines Management and Medical Devices Committee for Wirral Community NHS Trust. Clinical evidence, cost effectiveness data and other supporting evidence is reviewed by the group. The group has GPs, medicines management pharmacist, hospital pharmacist, tissue viability nurses, infection control nurse, vascular specialist nurse, a sister from the surgical division and matron from the medical division as members.

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