

Ref: CCG February 2016 08

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Dear

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 2 February 2016, with regards to people with MS.

Request/**Response**

Just contacting you as the MS Society is collecting the following information from every CCG in the Country to help us understand the national picture better in relation to prescribing. To help us with our research, we are requesting the following information:

The questions are:

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 by a healthcare professional with expertise in MS, and it's complications (NICE guidelines (CG 186).
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
4. The number of Individual Funding Requests (IFRs) received for each of the below

Treatments.

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. Plegriidy (Peginterferon beta 1a)
 - k. Rebif® (Beta interferon – 1a)
 - l. Sativex (Nabiximols)
 - m. Tecfidera (Dimethyl fumarate)
 - n. Tysabri (Natalizumab)

We are unable to provide you with the information you have requested under section 1 (1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act as we do not hold the information you have requested.

NHS England is the current Lead Commissioner for this service and as such you will need to redirect your enquiry to their Customer Contact Centre and their details are as follows:

***NHS England
Customer Contact Centre
P.O. Box 16738
Redditch
B97 9PT***

Tel: 0300 311 2233

Email: england.contactus@nhs.net

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Where you are not satisfied with the decision of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) for a further review of that decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure in the first instance.

The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow

Cheshire
SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk

Should you require any further information, clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

Customer Relations Lead
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