

**Ref: CCG May17**

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Dear

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which we received on 17 May 2016, with regards to prescription of diamorphine to patients addicted to heroin.

**Request:**

I wish to make a Freedom of Information request regarding the prescription of diamorphine to patients addicted to heroin. Please tell me:

1. How many people were prescribed with diamorphine in the following years:  
  
2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16
2. Please tell me, if known, how many of those people prescribed diamorphine subsequently overcame their heroin addiction.
3. If known, tell me how long each diamorphine prescription lasted for.

**I am sorry but we are unable to answer your FOI request as this information is not available to us. As a CCG we know how much diamorphine was prescribed by a GP but not the reason, and most of that prescribing for diamorphine would be for pain management.**

We wish to take this opportunity to inform you that a formal complaints and internal review procedure is available to applicants who are unhappy with responses provided to FOI requests. You can formally request an internal review within a reasonable period of time (2 calendar months) from the date this response was issued.

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:

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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

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