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Dear

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 13 May 2016, with regards to Prostate Cancer.

Request/**Response**

1. We understand that the CCG refers patients with suspected prostate cancer to the following NHS trusts. Please confirm:

Aintree University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust
Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen University Hospitals NHS Trust
St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust

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St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

These three trusts are our main diagnostic service providers, that offer diagnostic urology suspected cancer services. The majority of Liverpool patients are referred to these providers, based on their choice.

Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust
This trust treats prostate cancer, they don't diagnose people with suspected prostate cancer. Clatterbridge Cancer Centre treat people with oncology treatment after their diagnosis

The Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust

If patients choose, they can be referred to this trust, but the majority of people are referred to the three local providers as above for diagnosis.

2. Please advise whether the CCG refers patients with suspected prostate cancer to any other NHS trusts?

Patients can choose where they wish to be referred, but the three main providers for Liverpool residents are Aintree University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust; Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen University Hospitals NHS Trust; St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

3. Please can you confirm whether the CCG references the following document(s) in relation to the treatment of patients with Prostate Cancer:

Merseyside and Cheshire Urological Cancer Guidelines for the Management of Prostate Cancer

Yes, The clinical network group leads the development of clinical guidelines for the region

4. Does the CCG reference any other Referral Pathways / Care Pathways in relation to the treatment of Prostate Cancer? If so, please provide a copy or website link.

All clinical guidelines and care pathways are taken from the clinical network, and are on their website. The CCG doesn't produce referral pathways and care pathways in isolation, unless as part of a pilot

5. If yes, when is/are the document(s) expected to be reviewed?

N/A

6. Please can you confirm whether we are permitted to reuse the above information under the Open Government Licence?

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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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