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8<sup>th</sup> August 2016,

**Re: Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016, with regards to Vedolizumab.

Request/**Response**

1. On what date was Vedolizumab in relation to Crohn's Disease, first added to the Pan Mersey Medicines Formulary?

***The link to the Vedolizumab statement in the formulary is detailed below:***  
<http://www.panmerseyapc.nhs.uk/recommendations/documents/PS76.pdf>

***The date is on the statement which is 30 September 2015.***

2. What restrictions does the CCG's formulary have in place in relation to the number of individual biologic drugs in use/on formulary at any one time for use within Rheumatoid Arthritis?

***There are no arbitrary limits to the number of biologics on formulary for Rheumatoid Arthritis - the ones included in NICE TA's (and any additional included in local guidelines) are in the formulary as above.***

3. What restrictions does the CCG's formulary have in place in relation to the number of individual biologic drugs in use/on formulary at any one time for use within Psoriatic Arthritis?

***There are no arbitrary limits to the number of biologics on formulary for Psoriatic Arthritis - the ones included in NICE TA's (and any additional included in local guidelines) are in the formulary.***

4. Finally, could you provide a link/attach to your response the latest versions of your patient pathways for Crohn's Disease and Psoriatic Arthritis?

***Link to psoriatic pathway***

<http://www.panmerseyapc.nhs.uk/guidelines/documents/G14.pdf>

***Link to Crohn's***

There is a prescribing management pathway detailed in the links below:

<http://www.panmerseyapc.nhs.uk/recommendations/documents/PS76.pdf>

There is not a local Crohns pathway, therefore we refer to NICE guidance. PsA guidance is as stated in the individual drug recommendations on Pan Mersey site and policy <http://www.panmerseyapc.nhs.uk/guidelines/documents/G13.pdf>

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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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