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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 25 April 2018 in relation to the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (Trust). We are dealing with your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested information regarding drugs. Specifically you asked for:

1. Has your trust accepted or is it currently accepting manufacturer provision of free of charge drug stock between licensing and NICE funding?

Answer: Not since 2016 for non-cancer indications

We currently have no free of charge schemes running for non- cancer indications. We have accepted free of charge schemes in the past for non – cancer drugs

2. Has your trust accepted or is it currently accepting the following list of drugs in psoriasis:

<i>Brodalumab [Kyntheum]</i>	No
NICE TA only published on 21 st March 2018 therefore will not be made available until 20 th June 2018 (90 days post publication)	
<i>Guselkumab [Tremfya]</i>	Yes
<i>xekizumab [Taltz]</i>	Yes
<i>Secukinumab [Cosentyx]</i>	Yes

3. Has your trust accepted or is it currently accepting the following list of drugs in Rheumatoid Arthritis:

Tofacitinib [Xeljanz]	Yes
Baricitinib [Olumiant]	Yes
Golimumab [Simponi]	Yes
Certolizumab [Cimzia]	Yes - there is 12 weeks free stock for this drug for all indications.
Apremilast [Otezla]	Yes
Tocilizumab [Ro Actemra]	Yes

4. Has your trust accepted or is it currently accepting the following list of drugs in Ankylosing Spondylitis or Psoriatic Arthritis:

Secukinumab [Cosentyx] Yes

5. Has your trust accepted or is it currently accepting the following list of drugs in Ulcerative Colitis:

Golimumab [Simponi] Yes

6. If your trust has not accepted manufacturer provision of free of charge drug stock, what have been the reasons for this?

Answer: The Trust would potentially not accept a free- of charge scheme for the following reasons

- Lack of interest from clinicians
- Lack of positive NICE TA
- Short time period between request date and date of anticipated NICE TA
- Significant admin burden

7. In future, will your trust be able to accept manufacturer provision of free of charge drug stock?

Answer: It will depend on the above

8. What is the preferred distribution channel for the provision of free of charge drug stock?

- **Homecare** - Yes – these are usually just PAS schemes
- **Delivered directly to hospital/Trust** - Yes – this the preferred method for "free of charge" stock prior to NICE TA publication
- **Other (please provide details)** N/A

9. For how long is free of charge drug stock typically provided for each patient ?

- **first dose** [N/A]
- **first month** [N/A]
- **first 3 months** [N/A]
- **Other** - This will be drug and indication dependant

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust website.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

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The Chief Executive
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Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Officer