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Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 13 June 2018.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

1 - In your Trust, how much did you spend on Biological and biosimilar medicines, in the past financial year ending April 2018 ?

For the drugs mentioned in the table below (infliximab, etanercept, rituximab, adalimumab, trastuzumab) the Trust spent £3,949,340 in 2017/18.

2 – Have you developed a policy on how prescribers can switch their patients to biosimilars and support them in making informed choices to save resources?

Agreed in principle with clinicians.

3 – Do you have any specific plans in place for the launch of biosimilar Adalimumab later in 2018?

Agreed on a drug by drug basis with clinicians.

4 – Are there any agreements in place between you the Provider and CCG that would enable savings in drug costs to be made? (For example, Gainshare agreements where the benefits associated with more efficient use of medicines not reimbursed through national prices is shared between the Provider and the Clinical Commissioning Group party to the agreement. This included agreements for the switch to biosimilar products)

There are no gain share agreements in place at the moment.

5 – Are there any other agreements with a CCG, not included in the above, for the following services?

There are no other gain share agreement in place at the moment.

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Yours sincerely,

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