

Date: **23 March 2020**

Our reference: **FOIRQ5749**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your request for information processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please see our response to your following request for information:

Your Request

1. *Since 1 November 2018, how many applications regarding unlicensed Cannabis-Based Products for Medicinal Use (CBPMs) have been received by your Drug and Therapeutic Committee, or a similar clinical governance body? Please exclude Sativex and Epidiolex.*
 - a. *Please provide the therapeutic indication for the applications received e.g. chronic pain*
 - b. *Please detail from which department the request originated?*
2. *Of the total number of applications to your Drug and Therapeutic Committee, or a similar clinical governance body, how many applications for unlicensed CBPMs has the Trust declined since 1 November 2018? Please provide any details as to the reason/s behind declining the applications.*
3. *Of the total number of applications to your Drug and Therapeutic Committee, or a similar clinical governance body, how many applications for unlicensed CBPMs has the Trust accepted since 1 November 2018? Please provide any details of the application accepted where possible, including the cost of reimbursement and the product/s prescribed.*
 - a. *Please provide the therapeutic indication for the applications received e.g. chronic pain*
 - b. *Please detail from which department the request originated?*
4. *For applications to your Drug and Therapeutic Committee, or a similar clinical governance body, that have been accepted, please advise what the*

subsequent stage was (if there was one)? E.g. an Individual Funding Request being submitted or new entries being added to the Trust Formulary.

- 5. Please clarify whether funding for unlicensed Cannabis-Based Products for Medicinal Use is at CCG or Trust level?*
- 6. Please clarify whether your Trust operates a policy with a capped number of prescriptions or duration of prescriptions for unlicensed Cannabis-Based Products for Medicinal Use?*

Our Request

Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust (the 'Trust') is a single site, specialist tertiary paediatric trust. The Trust has not received any applications for unlicensed cannabis-based products; nor formed any official policy for such products. We cannot therefore respond to your request for information that specifically relates to Cannabis-Based Products for Medicinal Use (CBPMs).

Please note:

The information we have provided under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is the information held on the date your request was received by the Trust.

We hope the information provided is sufficient and helpful in answering your questions, issues or concerns. Should you have any further queries in relation to this request, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Team and quote the above reference number on any related correspondence.

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Yours sincerely

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Should you have any questions relating to the response you have received to your request for information, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Team. Alternatively, you are entitled to make a request for an internal review within two months from the date of receiving our final response to your original request. You can also write to the Head of Quality & Safety at the following address:

Quality & Safety team
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