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Freedom of Information request 696-23

Request

I understand the last meeting of Borders Formulary Committee was held 27th October 2021. Applications for new medicines, formulary updates and other medicines related approvals is now considered by East Regional Formulary Committee.

I require some information regarding the approval of a medicine on the NHS. The medicine is an unlicensed drug- Bevacicumb (Avastin) and i have found information regarding its approval by the BFC in 2015 for specialist use for a single patient (Cat B).

I am wanting to know that since that approval have any further approvals been made for this indication- radiation necrosis/edema. And which hospitals/trusts within Scotland made this application and had this approved.

Would i be able to get any detailed information on which hospital/trust and Doctor requested the medicine back in 2015- that was approved.

Please refer at attached document that shows approved use for Avastin.



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Response

NHS Borders can confirm that no further approvals have been made for this indication – radiation necrosis/oedema.

We do not hold information on any other hospitals/trusts within Scotland who have received and approved an application. Therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is not held.

As we have only one Acute Hospital in the Borders we can confirm this would be Borders General Hospital, Melrose who approved the drug treatment in 2015. Unfortunately we do not hold any further data around this request, therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 we cannot provide the name of the Doctor as this data is not held.

Under Section 15 of the FOI(S)A 2002 further information on this drug treatment may be found at the following link:

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The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the

reference number **696-23** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

If following this review, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner and request an investigation of your complaint. Your request to the Scottish Information Commissioner should be in writing (or other permanent form), stating your name and an address for correspondence. You should provide the details of the request and your reasons for dissatisfaction with both the original response by NHS Borders and your reasons for dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal review. Your application for an investigation by the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within six months of your receipt of the response with which you are dissatisfied. The address for the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner is, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.