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Dear

Re: Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
Ref no: CAS-04724-Q2N7Q1-RB

Thank you for your correspondence dated 16 September 2019, making a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for access to information which may be held by NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

You requested the following information and our response is detailed below:

1. Please tell me whether the CCG has any referral guidelines in place for GPs the following diagnostic procedures:
 - a) CT scans
Yes.
 - b) MRI scans
Yes.
 - c) Non obstetric ultrasounds
Yes.
 - d) Colonscopy/flexi-sigmoidoscopy/barium enemas
No.
 - e) Cardiology (eg echocardiography, electrophysiology)
No.
 - f) Dexa scans
No.
 - g) Audiology assessments

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Yes.

2. If yes to any of question one, please attach details/links and if possible please specify the year and month when these guidelines came in

- a) CT scans

Please see attached local Musculoskeletal Surgery and Therapeutic Interventions policy, which provides details on appropriate diagnostic testing for key orthopaedic conditions. Page 4 and 5 provides version control information including the month and year that any changes have been introduced.

- b) MRI scans

Please see attached local Musculoskeletal Surgery and Therapeutic Interventions policy, as per Q2A above.

- c) Non obstetric ultrasounds

Please see attached local Musculoskeletal Surgery and Therapeutic Interventions policy, as per Q2A above.

- d) Colonscopy/flexi-sigmoidoscopy/barium enemas

Not applicable.

- e) Cardiology (eg echocardiography, electrophysiology)

Not applicable.

- f) Dexa scans

Not applicable.

- g) Audiology assessments

Please see attached GP referral form used when referring patients to the age related hearing loss community service the CCG has commissioned for its population. This was introduced in December 2018 and supersedes a previous version.

Right of appeal

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response, or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact the FOI team to discuss. However, if you remain dissatisfied with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to request a review of our decision, this can be formally requested in writing and must be within a reasonable period of time (two calendar months) from the date this response was issued

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Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF
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Yours faithfully

FOI Officer

On behalf of NHS Redditch and Bromsgrove CCG