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Dear

**Re: Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

**Ref no: CAS-04951-S2W8C5-CC**

**CAS-04951-S2W8C5-SAS**

**CAS-04951-S2W8C5-SES**

**CAS-04951-S2W8C5-ES**

**CAS-04951-S2W8C5-NS**

**CAS-04951-S2W8C5-SOT**

Thank you for your correspondence dated 10 December 2019 making a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for information which may be held by NHS Cannock Chase Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), NHS East Staffordshire CCG, NHS North Staffordshire CCG, NHS Stafford and Surrounds CCG, NHS Stoke-on-Trent CCG and NHS South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula CCG.

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

1. Since 1 November 2018, how many Individual Funding Requests have you received regarding unlicensed Cannabis-Based Products for Medicinal Use (CBPMs)?

**None**

- a) If possible, please provide the therapeutic indication for the IFRs received e.g. chronic pain

**Not applicable**

2. Of the total number of Individual Funding Requests, how many Individual Funding Requests for unlicensed CBPMs has the CCG declined? Please provide any details as to the reason/s behind declining the requests.

**Not applicable**

3. Of the total number of Individual Funding Requests, how many Individual Funding Requests for unlicensed CBPMs has the CCG accepted? Please provide any details of the Individual Funding Requests accepted where possible, including the cost of reimbursement.

**Not applicable**

- a) If possible, please provide the therapeutic indication for the IFRs received e.g. chronic pain

**Not applicable**

4. From which budget is the CCG funding the Individual Funding Requests that have been approved, and for how long has the funding been agreed?

**Not applicable**

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Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF  
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Yours sincerely



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