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Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

**INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

**You asked:**

**We are looking at comparing the different Rheumatoid Arthritis, Psoriatic Arthritis and Ankylosing Spondylitis Biologic Pathways.**

**We kindly request if you would be able to send us your most up to date biologic pathways for these 3 conditions.**

1. We follow the pathways for Biologic treatment for Rheumatoid Arthritis/Psoriatic arthritis/Ankylosing Spondylitis based on updated Nice Guidelines to use Biologic Treatments. This is available in NICE website
2. We do sometimes make clinical decision/exceptions to use biologic treatments based on patient's overall health/underlying conditions.
3. We enter the details in Blueteq system to request these high cost drugs now

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sanjay Arya', written over a single horizontal line.

Sanjay Arya  
Medical Director/Consultant Interventional Cardiologist

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Wrightington Hospital, Hall Lane, Appley Bridge, Wigan, WN6 9EP

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at: