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Dear ,

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

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

You asked:

*I have a Freedom of Information request regarding funding in your area:*

1. *How many applications have you had for funding for high cost drugs for non-NICE indications in the last year?*

**One**

2. *How many of these applications were successful?*

**One**

3. *How much funding has been allocated to high costs drugs for non- NICE indications in the last year?*

**Zero – until a case is raised we do not allocate any budget – and discussions would be held with commissioner about funding.**

**In the above case the drug was supplied free of charge as NICE approval was imminent.**

4. *Please indicate the number of applications and funding in the last year for the specified indications below:*

| Indications                              | Total Applications | Successful Applications | Total Funding |
|--|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Hidradenitis Suppurativa                 |                    |                         |               |
| Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis            |                    |                         |               |
| Non-Radiographic Axial Spondyloarthritis |                    |                         |               |
| Ulcerative Colitis                       | 1                  | 1                       | N/A           |

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I hope you find this information useful, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 256335. 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,



**Rob Forster**  
Acting Chief Executive

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