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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding evidence based commissioning within NHS South Sefton CCG.

Request/[Response](#):

- a) Does the CCG agree that commissioning policy on specific treatments should comply fully with current NICE guidance, where it exists?

[No](#)

If the answer to a) is "no", please answer b), c) and d)

- b) Why not?

[Local factors need to be taken into account](#)

- c) What other factors does the CCG consider in addition to NICE guidance, when formulating commissioning policy on specific treatments for which NICE guidance exists?

- [Local factors](#)
- [Provider landscape](#)
- [Impact](#)

- d) What expertise does the CCG possess which enables it to override the expert judgement of NICE guideline development committees in conducting systematic reviews of the available literature when formulating guidance on specific topics?

[NHS South Sefton CCG commission Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit to provide expertise along with other local CCGs.](#)