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Dear,

Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received on 29 January 2015, relating to contraceptive prescribing guidance.

Gloucestershire CCG can confirm that we do hold this information but are exempting it under Section 21 Freedom of Information Act 2000 as it is reasonably accessible by other means. This is an absolute exemption.

<https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1203/information-reasonably-accessible-to-the-applicant-by-other-means-sec21.pdf>

- **I am conducting an analysis of the contraceptive market in the UK for a client, and am trying to find guidance issued by individual CCGs on prescription contraceptives; specifically whether there is any preference in terms of which brands should be prescribed (eg. "Microgynon 30 is the preferred Ethinylestradiol 30 mcg / Levonorgestrel 150 mcg compound for the following reasons"). I have been able to find this information online for a number of other CCGs, but have been unable to find it for Gloucestershire CCG.**

For convenience, however, we have provided you with a link to the web site which will provide you with this information:

<http://www.formulary.glos.nhs.uk/>

You are advised that this information is provided in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is for your personal use. Any re-use of this information will be subject to the Re-Use of Public Sector Information Regulations (1 July 2005) and authorisation from the CCG will be required. In the event of any re-use, the information must be reproduced accurately and not used in a misleading manner.

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If you remain unhappy with the decision after review, and wish to take your complaint further, you should contact:-

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely



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On behalf of Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group