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Dear

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The council has completed its search relating to your request for information about discussions with the local pharmaceutical committee regarding the provision of health services by community pharmacies, which was received on 07 February 2017.

The council does hold information within the definition of your request.

Question 1

Has Cumbria County Council had any discussions with the local pharmaceutical committee regarding the provision of health services by community pharmacies in your area?

(Please note, services may include but are not limited to smoking cessation, minor ailments, weight management, EHC, vascular risk checks, Chlamydia screening, vaccinations etc)

Answer 1

Cumbria County Council currently has individual contracts with local community pharmacies to provide the following Public Health services:-

- NHS Health Checks
- Emergency Hormonal Contraception
- Stop Smoking Services
- Seasonal flu vaccine for front line County Council staff

The County Council Public Health Manager with responsibility for managing contracts with community pharmacies meets LPC representatives on an informal basis several times each year to discuss general issues around the contract, to inform them of any changes to specifications and to flag up future procurement issues. Following informal discussion, issues may be placed as formal agenda items on full meetings of the LPC, if felt appropriate. The County Council Public Health Manager will subsequently attend the LPC meeting to present these items.

Question 2

Where such a discussion has been held, please could you give me the following details:

- a) The date of the meeting
- b) A full list of the services discussed
- c) A full list of the attendees
- d) A copy of the minutes of the meetings

Answer 2

a) The last informal meeting between the county council and representatives of the LPC was in December 2016.

b) Discussion covered general pharmacy performance against the commissioned services listed above and potential changes to pharmacy provision arising from national changes to pharmacy funding.

c) In attendance were the County Council Public Health Manager, The Chief Officer of Cumbria LPC and the Development Manager of Cumbria LPC.

d) Information not held. No minutes were kept of the meeting.

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Yours sincerely,

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