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By email

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Dear

Re: Lyme disease treatment guidelines

Thank you for your email of 17 December 2014 in which you asked for the current National Health Service (NHS) treatment guidelines for Lyme disease at various stages of the illness.

Your email has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act. The information you have requested is exempt in accordance with Section 21 of the FOI Act – *information accessible to applicant by other means*, as your request relates to guidelines that are developed and published by another agency, in this case the NHS, and which are publicly available on the internet.

However, in accordance with our Section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance, please refer to the information on Lyme disease, including treatment guidelines, published from the NHS Choices website:

- <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Lyme-disease/Pages/Introduction.aspx>
- http://healthguides.mapofmedicine.com/choices/map/lyme_disease1.html

If you require any further information on the NHS treatment guidelines for Lyme disease I suggest that you contact the NHS or NHS Choices directly.

However, you may be interested to know that Public Health England (PHE) has developed guidance for the diagnosis and treatment of Lyme disease. However, this information is exempt under Section 21 of the FOI legislation as it is readily available from the PHE website at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/lyme-disease-diagnosis-and-treatment>.

If you have any queries regarding the information that has been supplied to you, please refer your query to me in writing in the first instance. If you remain dissatisfied and would like to request an internal review, then please contact us at the address above or by emailing foiphe.gov.uk.

Please note that you have the right to an independent review by the Information Commissioner's Office if a complaint cannot be resolved through the PHE complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner's Office can be contacted by writing to Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Officer