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Dear Fiona,

**Re: Guidelines – Patient Group Directions, Nursing Treatment, Service Specific Management and Pathway Guidance**

Further to my letter of 1<sup>st</sup> September the Guidelines & Medicines Management Committee considered your letter and my response at its meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> November.

In respect of the first two items – i.e. “Patient Group Directions” and “Guidelines which come directly from the Guidelines & Medicines Management Committee”, the Guidelines and Medicines Management Committee felt that my response was appropriate.

In regard to learning disability services the committee felt that service specific to Management Guidelines, e.g. the use of depot injections did not need to be considered by the committee and felt that these could be approved within Fareham & Gosport PCT as they relate more to procedure than to medicines.

However, in relation to pathway guidance, e.g. constipation, the committee felt that it would be useful to develop District Wide Guidelines on topics such as these and members of the committee were asked to go back to their respective organisations with a view to determining for what conditions it might be appropriate to develop District Wide Guidelines. It was proposed that this should be discussed at the next meeting with a view to developing a list of Guidelines to be developed and then deciding how best to pursue the development of such Guidelines.

With regard to “Nursing Treatment Guidelines” (except learning disabilities) the committee felt that these should be discussed at the Guidelines & Medicines Management Group.

The committee also felt that “evidence based research topics reference guides”, e.g. those developed by Fareham & Gosport PCT for Plagiocephaly would be best developed at a district level.

I hope that this is helpful. I do hope that you will be able to attend the next meeting so that further discussion on these topics can occur

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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**Dr R I Reid  
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