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Dear

**Freedom of Information Act Request**

Further to your FOI request, please find below Wirral Community NHS Trust response to your Freedom of Information request:

**Original request:**

We would like to request the following information regarding the prescribing of specialised infant formula for cow's milk protein allergy (CMPA) within Wirral Community NHS Trust.

1. Does your organisation use any guidelines when prescribing specialised infant formula for cow's milk protein allergy (CMPA)?
2. If yes, please provide a link to, or a copy of the guidelines referenced by your organisation.

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**Response:**

Further to your FOI request to Wirral Community NHS Trust, please see below our response.

1. Wirral children's community dietetic team currently use the UK MAP guidelines for the management of suspected cow's milk protein allergy – reference *Clinical and Translational Allergy* 2013, 3:23 doi:10.1186/2045-7022-3-23.
2. The electronic version of this article is the complete one and can be found online at: <http://www.ctajournal.com/content/3/1/23>
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I trust this satisfies your request for information under the Freedom of Information scheme.

Yours sincerely,

**Karen Howell**  
**Chief Executive**



**Wirral Community NHS Trust**  
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