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Dear Requestor

Request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

On 28 November 2019 you sent a request, made under the Freedom of Information Act, relating to the use of printer cartridges in GP practices. I now provide this information as an attachment.

I trust that this is the information you require and that your request has been fully discharged.

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If you have queries about this response, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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Paddy Baker
Data Protection Officer
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Q1:

As far as CCG are concerned, is there any prohibition currently in place on a GP practice with regard to using any third-party printer cartridges in a printer?

Response:

There is no prohibition in place currently on a GP practice with regard to using any third-party printer cartridges in a printer.

Q2:

Is it a directive of CCG that only new OEM cartridges may be used in GP practices?

Response:

It is not a directive of CCG that only new OEM cartridges may be used in GP practices. Printer consumables is a Practice expense and therefore their budget, the support and maintenance of the printers is a central cost and not consumption based.

Q3:

What is the view of CCG relating to the use of sustainable remanufactured original toners?

Response:

NHS Dorset CCG would be keen to support any green initiative, that said the cost and quality resulting is a Practice pressure and not a CCG cost. The CCG prioritises reducing the need to print wherever possible and encourages paperless transactions whenever possible.