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Dear Requestor

RE: Freedom of Information Request

With reference to your request for information I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information that you have requested. A response to each part of your request is below.

In the request you asked:

We would like to request the following information from Bassetlaw Sub-ICB

- 1) We understand the ICS/Trust has representation on the following Medicines Management / Prescribing / Formulary Committees:
 - Doncaster and Bassetlaw Area Prescribing Committee
 - Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Drug and Therapeutics Committee
 - Nottinghamshire Area Prescribing Committee

Please confirm if this is correct.

If not correct, please list the relevant Committees.

Please see below list of the Medicines Management / Prescribing / Formulary Committees that Bassetlaw Sub-ICB has representation on.

- Doncaster and Bassetlaw Area Prescribing Committee
 - Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Drug and Therapeutics Committee
 - Doncaster and Bassetlaw Formulary Liaison Group
 - South Yorkshire Integrated Medicines Optimisation Committee
 - South Yorkshire Medicines Optimisation Programme Board
- 2) Does the Organisation have representation on any other medicines management / prescribing / formulary committees? If so, please advise which.

Please see above answer to question 1.

- 3) We have the following formularies listed as used by the Organisation:

- Doncaster and Bassetlaw Area Medicines and Products Directory Formulary
- Doncaster and Bassetlaw Medicines Formulary

- Nottinghamshire Joint Formulary

Please confirm if this is correct and if not, please provide online link(s)/copy of relevant formularies.

Yes, the Doncaster and Bassetlaw Area Medicines and Products Directory Formulary, the Doncaster and Bassetlaw Medicines Formulary and Nottinghamshire Joint Formulary are the formularies used by Bassetlaw Sub-ICB.

- 4) Are any of the above formularies dominant when making prescribing decisions or does this depend on therapy area? Please say which is the relevant formulary of the Organisation.

This depends on therapy area. Nottinghamshire Joint Formulary only applies for Mental Health and wound care (where Nottinghamshire Healthcare wound care formulary applies for community patients). All other therapy areas are as per the Doncaster and Bassetlaw Medicines Formulary.

- 5) If you use a PDF formulary, have you considered moving it to an online platform like Netformulary, and if yes, when are you planning to do so?

- Doncaster and Bassetlaw Area Medicines and Products Directory Formulary is an online formulary.
- Nottinghamshire Joint Formulary is an online formulary.
- Doncaster and Bassetlaw Medicines Formulary is a PDF formulary, however the contents are gradually being transferred to the Medicines and Products Directory Formulary as they are reviewed.

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information (FOI) Officer on behalf of *NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board*

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