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Dear Requestor

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information, received on 29 July 2025, regarding continence and stoma formularies. We have processed your request in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Under the FOIA, public authorities like ours are required to respond to requests for information within 20 working days. In response to your request, I can confirm that we do hold the information requested.

Please find below our response to your request:

1. Does your organisation have an active Ostomy (stoma) or Continence Care Formulary? If so, please share copies of both formularies, including the full list of products?

Yes, formularies apply to Nottinghamshire and Bassetlaw.

Continence: [continence-formulary-and-guidance.pdf](#)

Stoma ancillary formulary only: [stoma-ancillaries-formulary.pdf](#).

2. What NHS organisations are they applicable to?

NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB, Primary Care stoma and continence providers, GP practices.

3. When was the formulary start date, and when will it end or is expected to be renewed?

Continence: The ICB does not hold the start date but can confirm a formulary has been in place for many years. Review dates are all stated on the formulary for each section.

Stoma: The ICB does not hold the start date but can confirm a formulary has been in place for many years. Next review date is July 2025.

4. What is the primary objective of the formulary? If this is to deliver cost-improvement/savings, please quantify what savings the formulary has delivered to your organisation each year since it was active?

Continence and Stoma ancillary formularies: To ensure that new patients are started on the preferred products. Any savings as a result of the formulary have not been recorded.

5. Which part of your organisation benefits from any Formulary savings?

Primary Care prescribing budget.

6. What is the process for renewal?

Continence: Rolling programme of review at quarterly meetings. New products assessed ad hoc if necessary.

Stoma ancillaries formulary: Reviewed every two years, with the provision for a review of the formulary before the two-year anniversary should an earlier review be required.

7. Where new, innovative products are launched while the formulary is live, what is the process for reviewing these and adding to the formulary?

Continence: Rolling programme of review at quarterly meetings. New products assessed ad hoc if necessary.

Stoma: Formulary request.

8. Other than cost, how are outcomes measured and which outcomes are measured when assessing the effectiveness of the formulary?

Continence and Stoma: The ICB does not specifically measure outcomes to assess effectiveness of the formularies.

9. Are stoma bags included within your formularies?

Continence and Stoma: No.

10. Who are the lead clinical stakeholder(s) responsible for the formularies – name and job role please?

Continence: Continence nurse specialists at Nottingham CityCare Partnership and Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust.

Medicines Optimisation pharmacists at Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB.

Stoma: Stoma nurse specialists at provider Trusts and at the Nottinghamshire Appliance Management Service.

11. Who are the lead nonclinical stakeholder(s) responsible for the formularies – name and job role please?

Continence and Stoma: None

12. How is formulary compliance measured by healthcare professionals in your organisation?

Continence and Stoma: Analysis of EPACT2 prescribing data.

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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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