Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board

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Dear Requestor

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information, received on 19 March 2025, regarding formularies and committees. 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) We have the following formularies listed as used by the organisation:

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

   Please confirm if this is correct and if not, please provide any relevant online links or copies of formularies.

   The above is correct for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board.

2) We understand the following committees maintain the formularies in question 1:

   - Nottinghamshire Area Prescribing Committee
   - South Yorkshire Integrated Medicines Optimisation Committee

   Please confirm if this is correct. If not correct, please list the relevant committees with the corresponding formulary.

   The above is correct for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board, with the addition of Doncaster and Bassetlaw Place Medicines Optimisation Committee.

3) Does the organisation have representation on the committees listed in question 2?

   Yes.

4) Are any of the above formularies listed in question 1 dominant when making prescribing decisions or does this depend on therapy area? Please say which is the dominant formulary of the organisation.

For mental health medications: Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Area Prescribing Committee is followed by all GPs within the ICB area.

For physical health medications: Bassetlaw Place Based Partnerships follow Bassetlaw formulary (Doncaster and Bassetlaw Area Medicines and Products Directory); and Nottingham City, North Nottinghamshire, Mid Nottinghamshire Placed Based Partnerships follow Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Area Prescribing Committee. For further information on Place Based Partnerships, please see the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICS website: Care in my area - NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICS - NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICS.

For Woundcare: Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust for community patients.

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?

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Examples of recorded information include:

- Printed documents
- Computer files
- Letters
- Emails
- Photographs
- Sound or video recordings

In order for the ICB to process your request successfully, please can you clarify your request and confirm what recorded information you require in relation to Question 5.

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FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone 0303 123 1113 or report a concern via https://ico.org.uk/concerns/

Yours sincerely

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

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