

## Freedom of Information request 470-18

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### Request

- 1) Does the CCG have a preferred list or guidelines for cost effective blood glucose meters/test strips for use by patients with diabetes?
- 2) Could I please have a copy of such a list?
- 3) When are these guidelines for type diabetes meters/ test strips due/likely to be up for review? for type 2 and for type 1 ... Month / year ?
- 4) The contact details of the panel of people involved responsible for it's review, i.e.
  - Diabetes specialist nurse - name and email address
  - Consultants name and email address
  - Medicines management team name and email address
  - Any Primary Care Team that will be involved their names and email address's
- 5) how does a company become involved in such a review?
- 6) are there any rebate schemes in place with any of the blood glucose monitoring companies and,
- 7) would the reviewing organisation be open to a rebate scheme if there was one on offer?

### Response

1. NHS Borders Borders Joint Formulary is available online at the following link, therefore this information is accessible elsewhere:  
  
<http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-andvisitors/our-services/general-services/medicines-and-prescribing/nhs-borders-formulary/>
2. As above.
3. NHS Borders has no current plans for review, this depends on new medicine applications being submitted from the clinical team.
4. The review of formulary sections is coordinated by Liz Leitch, Formulary Pharmacist, [liz.leitch@borders.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:liz.leitch@borders.scot.nhs.uk)
5. The guidelines for diabetes meters/test strips do not require company involvement.
6. There are no locally agreed schemes in place.
7. Yes.

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or [foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk).

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **470-18** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

If following this review, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner and request an investigation of your complaint. Your request to the Scottish Information Commissioner should be in writing (or other permanent form), stating your name and an address for correspondence. You should provide the details of the request and your reasons for dissatisfaction with both the original response by NHS Borders and your reasons for dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal review. Your application for an investigation by the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within six months of your receipt of the response with which you are dissatisfied. The address for the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner is, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.