

Freedom of Information request 124-20

Request

1. Do you have a Blood Glucose test strip rebate scheme in place?

If yes, for each of the manufacturers currently part of the Blood Glucose Test Strip rebate scheme, please provide the following information;

- The name of the manufacturer
- The name of the Blood Glucose test strip
- The start date of the rebate scheme
- The end date of the rebate scheme (where applicable)
- Is the rebate scheme based on an agreed volume?
- Is the rebate scheme based on the percentage of blood glucose test strips prescribed?
- Is there any other condition to the rebate scheme?

2. Once a Blood Glucose Formulary is published, how does your Health Board ensure the formulary is adhered to?

- Health Board/local pharmacy advisors implement within the practices
- Use PressQIPP
- Use ScriptSwitch
- Use a 3rd party company
- Use a local GP prescribing QIPP
- Leave to the practice to decide which meter to recommend off formulary
- Other (Please provide details)

Response

1. NHS Borders has no blood glucose test strip rebate schemes in place.
2. NHS Borders uses Scriptswitch and Prescribing Advisors to help Formulary compliance.

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.

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 **124-20** 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.

