

## Freedom of Information request 190-20

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### Request

I am writing to enquire if your organisation has any local guidelines for the treatment of psoriasis and/or psoriatic arthritis using biologic drugs. If such guidelines exist, please could I request a copy.

### Response

#### Psoriasis

NHS Borders Dermatology Service follows the British Association of Dermatologist's Guidelines for biologic therapy for psoriasis <https://www.bad.org.uk/shared/get-file.ashx?id=5835&itemtype=document> using drugs approved by the Scottish Medicine Consortium (SMC) and Borders Formulary Committee. It has been agreed with Pharmacy that Amgevita (biosimilar) will be used as first line where appropriate, at the Clinician's discretion.

#### Psoriatic arthritis

We use British Society for Rheumatology guidelines (2012) on eligibility criteria and response criteria. We have access to the biologic drugs for the condition approved by SMC. The drug of choice is Amgevita, but there is plenty of room for physician discretion if patients have other conditions such as poorly controlled psoriasis or inflammatory bowel disease.

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 **190-20** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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