

## Freedom of Information request 232-20

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### Request

I note that virtually no apomorphine is prescribed in your Health Board, yet I am aware that there is a normal distribution of Parkinson's patients.

Request 1 – Does your Health Board not permit the prescribing of apomorphine? If not, can you explain the rationale behind this.

Request 2- I note that hospitals do prescribe Apomorphine. Could you confirm if whether there is a pass through or another method for hospitals to pass the costs back to the Health Board? If not, since it is a tariff drug and the hospitals have no other funding method, are you in fact driving inequity or postcode prescribing by preventing the use of apomorphine?

### Response

1. Apomorphine is listed in section 4.9 of the local Formulary is listed for Specialist Initiation: <https://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/our-services/general-services/medicines-and-prescribing/nhs-borders-formulary/>
2. This request is invalid. The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, provides a right of access to the information we hold. It does not require the public authority to express opinions, make suppositions or draw conclusions. Therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is not held.

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 **232-20** 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.