

Freedom of Information request 411-23

Request

1. We understand the ICS/Trust has representation on the following Medicines Management / Prescribing / Formulary Committees:

- NHS Borders Area Drugs and Therapeutic Committee
- NHS Borders Formulary Committee
- NHS Lothian Area Drugs and Therapeutics Committee
- NHS Lothian Formulary Committee

Please confirm if this is correct.

If not correct, please list the relevant Committees.

2. Does the Organisation have representation on any other medicines management / prescribing / formulary committees? If so, please advise which.

3. We have the following formularies listed as used by the Organisation:

- NHS Borders Joint Prescribing Formulary

Please confirm if this is correct and if not, please provide online link(s)/copy of relevant formularies.

4. Are any of the above formularies dominant when making prescribing decisions or does this depend on therapy area? Please say which is the relevant formulary of the Organisation.

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?

Response

1. NHS Borders has representation on the following Medicines Management / Prescribing / Formulary Committees:

- NHS Borders Area Drugs and Therapeutic Committee
- NHS Lothian Area Drugs and Therapeutics Committee

Please Note: Borders and Lothian Formulary Committees have been disbanded in favour of an East Region Formulary Committee.

2. NHS Borders does not have representation on any other Medicines Management / Prescribing / Formulary Committees.

3. NHS Borders does not use the NHS Borders Joint Prescribing Formulary. The East Region Formulary is used: www.formulary.nhs.scot/east

4. Not applicable

5. Not applicable

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 **411-23** 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.