

Ref: FOI/00436/CMICB
30 June 2023

Dear,

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
Liverpool Place Formularies and Committees**

Thank you for your information request indicated in bold below, which has now been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 by NHS Cheshire & Merseyside Integrated Care Board (ICB). I am able to provide you with the following information and responses.

Please note from 01 July 2022, Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) were disestablished, and their statutory functions and responsibilities inherited by NHS Cheshire and Merseyside ICB.

Your Request:

We would like to request the following information from Liverpool Sub-ICB

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

- **Pan Mersey Area Prescribing Committee**

Please confirm if this is correct. If not correct, please list the relevant Committees.

Our Response:

1) Please note that the Pan Mersey Area Prescribing Committee was superseded by the Cheshire & Merseyside Area Prescribing Group from April 2023. Liverpool Place (former NHS Liverpool CCG area) has representation on this group on a rotational basis.

Your Request:

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

Our Response:

2) Liverpool Place has representation on the Cheshire & Merseyside Medicines Optimisation and Pharmacy Group also.

Your Request:

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

- **Pan Mersey Area Prescribing Committee Medicines Formulary**

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

Our Response:

3) Please note that the Pan Mersey Area Prescribing Committee was superseded by the Cheshire and Merseyside Area Prescribing Group from April 2023. Currently, Liverpool Place continues to use the Pan Mersey Area Prescribing Committee Medicines Formulary, until such time as a single Cheshire and Merseyside Area Prescribing Group formulary has been produced.

Your Request:

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.

Our Response:

4) No other formularies are dominant to Liverpool Place.

Your Request:

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?

Our Response:

5) The current Pan Mersey Area Prescribing Committee Medicines Formulary is already hosted by Netformulary.

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

We also wish to take this opportunity to inform you that, where you are not satisfied with the response to your request for information, a formal complaints and internal review process is available.

This can be formally requested by emailing foi@cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk and must be done within a reasonable time period (3 calendar months) from the date this response was issued.

Where you remain dissatisfied with our review under the Freedom of Information Act or the Environmental Information Regulations, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) for a review of your appeal decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure. The ICO can be contacted at;

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Should you need any further clarification or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us quoting the above FOI reference.