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Re: Freedom of Information Request – Urology Formulary

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 29th November 2019.

You Asked for:

1. Does your organisation have a formulary for urology products, and, if so, please can you provide a link to it?
2. Does your formulary contain a statement making it clear that notwithstanding the contents of that formulary it is a clinician's right, and indeed their duty, to prescribe whichever product on Part IX of the Drug Tariff they consider best meets the needs of their patient?
3. Does your formulary contain a clear and functioning link to Part IX of the Drug Tariff?
4. If your formulary does not contain a statement as in 2. above, or a link as in 3. above, do you intend to update it to include that information?
5. Please supply the name, position and email address of whoever in your organisation is responsible for any formulary that has been developed or which may be developed in future.
6. Is it your intention that if a new formulary is to be developed or an existing one is to be reviewed you will:
 - a. Include a clear reference to the Drug Tariff as in point 2. above; and
 - b. Notify the Urology Trade Association that such a project is being taken forward so that our members can be informed.
7. What steps do you take to ensure that clinicians and nurses are familiar with and trained in the assessment and appropriate use of urology products on Part IX on the Drug Tariff?

Our Response:

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) does not have an agreed formulary for Urology appliances. May I suggest that you contact Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust (WCHC) to request this information. I have included their contact details for your information:

WCHC – foi@wirralct.nhs.uk

We hope this information is useful, however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team (contact details at the top of this letter)

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