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Re: Freedom of Information Request - Apomorphine

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 24th June 2020.

You Asked for:

1. Does your Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) not permit the prescribing of apomorphine? If not, can you explain the rationale behind this?
2. I note that hospitals do prescribe Apomorphine. Could you confirm whether there is a pass through or another method for NHS Trusts to pass the costs back to CCG's? If not, since it is a tariff drug and the Trusts have no other funding method, are you in fact driving inequity or postcode prescribing by preventing the use of Apomorphine?

Our Response:

1. The use of Apomorphine in NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is as per the Pan Mersey Area Prescribing Committee. Please click on the link below for further information:
https://www.panmerseyapc.nhs.uk/media/1218/apomorphine_support.pdf#:~:text=Apomorphine%20is%20classed%20as%20Amber%20Patient%20Retained%20by,scribe%20apomorphine%20for%20their%20patients%20after%20specialist%20initiation.
2. Please see the answer to question 1.

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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