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Dear

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
Primary Care Rebate Schemes**

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:

Which primary care rebate schemes is your ICB/ Health Board currently signed to? If possible, could you please provide the start and end dates of these contracts

Our Response:

Please find listed below the details of the primary care rebates for each of the former CCG (Place) areas that now make up NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB:

Cheshire

Generic Name / Brand	Start Date	End Date
Clenil / beclomethasone dipropionate	Apr 2022	Mar 2024
Fencino / Fentanyl transdermal matrix patches	Apr 2020	Rolling
Fostair NEXThaler / Beclometasone / formoterol	Oct 2021	Sept 2023
Fostair pMDI / Beclometasone / formoterol	Oct 2021	Sept 2023
Xaggitin XL / Methylphenidate MR tablets	Oct 2021	Rolling

Halton

Generic Name / Brand	Start Date	End Date
Clenil / Beclometasone dipropionate	2 Years*	
Fencino / Fentanyl	Section 43*	
Fostair NEXThaler / Beclometasone / formoterol	2 Years*	
Fostair MDI / Beclometasone / formoterol	2 Years*	

Knowsley

Generic Name / Brand	Start Date	End Date
Clenil / Beclometasone dipropionate		2 Years*
Fencino / Fentanyl		Section 43*
Fostair NEXThaler / Beclometasone / formoterol		2 Years*
Fostair pMDI / Beclometasone / formoterol		2 Years*
Slenyto		Section 43*

Liverpool

Generic Name / Brand	Start Date	End Date
Budesonide and formoterol dry powder inhaler WockAir®	Jan 2022	Dec 2023
Calcipotriol and Betamethasone Ointment Dalonev®	Jul 2021	Jun 2023
Clobazam Oral Suspension Zacco®	Dec 2021	Nov 2023
Colecalciferol Capsules Strivit-D3®	Oct 2021	Sept 2024
Colecalciferol Tablets Stexerol-D3®	Dec 2021	Nov 2024
Emollients Exocream®, Myribase®	May 2020	Rolling
Melatonin prolonged-release tablets Slenyto®	Dec 2021	Nov 2024
Methylphenidate MR Tablets Xaggitin XL®	Feb 2020	Rolling
Oxycodone hydrochloride MR tablets Abtard®	Dec 2016	Rolling
Quetiapine tablets Biquelle XL®	Dec 2016	Rolling
Rivaroxaban tablets 15mg & Rivaroxaban tablets 20mg	Jan 2020	Nov 2023

Sefton

Generic Name / Brand	Start Date	End Date
Fostair MDI (Beclometasone/Formoterol)	Jan 2022	Dec 2024
Fostair NEXThaler (Beclometasone/Formoterol)	Jul 2021	Jun 2024
Clenil (Beclomethasone)	Nov 2021	Oct 2023
Slenyto (Melatonin)	Decr2021	Nov 2024
Xaggitin (Methylphenidate)	Dec 2021	Ongoing
Pradaxa (Dabigatran)	Jun 2021	Aug 2023
Lokelma / Sodium Cyclosilicate	Jul 2021	Indefinite

St Helens

Generic Name / Brand	Start Date	End Date
Fentanyl Fencino	Jul 2013	Ongoing
Beclometasone dipropionate Clenil Modulite	Nov 2019	Oct 2023
Oxycodone hydrochloride (#)Longtec MR	Nov 2019	Oct 2023
Sodium Zirconium Cyclosilicate Lokelma	Apr 2021	Ongoing
Beclometasone dipropionate Fostair pMDI	Dec 2021	Nov 2023
Beclometasone dipropionate Fostair NEXThaler	Dec 2021	Nov 2023
Methylphenidate Xaggitin XL	Feb 2022	Jan 2024
Pramipexole Pipexus	Feb 2022	Jan 2024

Buprenorphine Espranor	Feb 2022	Jan 2024
Hyaluronic Acid (#) Hylo Night	Oct 2022	Sep 2025
Melatonin Slenyto	Oct 2022	Sep 2025
Sodium Hyaluronate Hylo Fresh	Oct 2022	Sep 2025

Warrington

Generic Name / Brand	Start Date	End Date
Clenil / beclomethasone dipropionate	2 Years*	
Fostair NEXThaler / beclometasone dipropionate, formoterol fumarate dihydrate	2 Years*	
Fostair pMDI / beclometasone dipropionate, formoterol fumarate dihydrate	2 Years*	

Wirral

Generic Name / Brand	Start Date	End Date
Aproderm	5 Years*	
Fostair MDI / Beclometasone / formoterol	2 Years*	
Glucophage SR / Metformin	2 Years*	
Neditol / Tolterodine XL	Section 43*	
Pipexus / Pramipexole	Section 43*	
Prostap / Leuprorelin	Section 43*	
Stexerol / Colecalciferol	Rolling	
Xaggitin XL / Methylphenidate	Section 43*	

*Please be advised that Midlands & Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit (MLCSU) provide rebate contracting for the former CCG areas of NHS Halton CCG, NHS Knowsley CCG, NHS Warrington CCG and NHS Wirral CCG. As part of this service, MLCSU have advised that the information they hold for the former CCGs contain confidentiality agreements in terms of the information deemed commercially sensitive within the contracts for the primary care rebate schemes listed.

As a result, NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB is unable to provide you with the specific start/end dates of these primary care rebates under Section 43: 'Trade Secrets and Prejudice to Commercial Interests' of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

On applying the Public Interest Test, NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB believes that release of the start/end dates of the primary care rebates for these four CCGs would, or is likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of the companies involved, as already stipulated by them in the confidentially agreements held by MLCSU.

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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