

Ref: FOI/00338/CMICB
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Dear

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
Medicines Management & Vitamin D Guidance**

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:

1) Can you please tell me how the ICB medicines management will be structured going forwards and where the team will be located compared to the previous CCGs?

Our Response:

1) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB is currently in the process of a management of change exercise following the merging of the former CCGs to form the ICB on 01 July 2023. As a result, the final structure for the ICB Medicines Management function has not yet been finalised nor details of where team(s) will be located.

Your Request:

2) Can you please provide me with the email and telephone number for the best point of contact regarding vitamin D prescribing in the ICB?

Our Response:

2) As part of the management of the restructuring of NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB's Medicines Management function there is currently no single point of contact. However, the two previous Medicines Management functions can be contacted via email on the details provided below:

Cheshire Formulary

cmicb-cheshire.medicinesoptimisationteam@nhs.net

Pan Mersey Area Prescribing Committee

<https://www.panmerseyapc.nhs.uk/contact-us/>

Your Request:

3) Can you please provide me with a copy of any vitamin D prescribing guidance that the ICB are currently following?

Our Response:

3) Please find links below to the current Vitamin D prescribing guidance:

Cheshire Formulary

<https://www.cheshireformulary.nhs.uk/docs/files/Prescribing%20Guidance%20for%20the%20Management%20of%20Vitamin%20D%20Deficiency%20-%20August%202021.pdf?UNLID=73548418920234517421>

Pan Mersey Area Prescribing Committee

<https://www.panmerseyapc.nhs.uk/guidelines/?&letter=V>

Your Request:

4) Can you please tell me when the current vitamin D guidance is likely to be reviewed and who within the ICB would be involved in such a review?

Our Response:

4) The current Vitamin D guidance is scheduled for review in June 2023 by the Formulary and Guidelines Sub-Group of the Cheshire & Merseyside ICB Area Prescribing Group.

Your Request:

5) Can you please tell me what the process would be to submit information on any new products for consideration for that guidance review?

Our Response:

5) NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB's Formulary and Guidelines Sub-Group does not solicit information on products and instead sources information and evidence from approved sources. Please note that formulary and guideline reviews include guidance on treatment and dosing but do not specify particular products or brands.

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;

*The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk*

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