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Dear,

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on 27th February, with regards to buprenorphine transdermal patches.

Request / Response

With respect to the following questions, please provide answers for any decisions made since 1 January 2016.

- 1. Has the CCG (or CSU) or Health Board recommended prescribing a particular brand or brands of 7 day buprenorphine transdermal patches? If so, what brand or brands were recommended to be prescribed?**

Response: The brand we recommend is Butec made by Qdem. This is for all strength patches which are 5mcg, 10mcg, 15mcg and 20mcg per hour.

- 2. If the CCG (or CSU) or Health Board recommends prescribing more than one brand of 7 day buprenorphine transdermal patches what, if any, guidance is there on which brand(s) should be prescribed?**

Response: N/A - only Butec is recommended

- 3. For each brand of 7 day buprenorphine transdermal patches recommended, on what date was the decision made to recommend that brand?**

Response: It was agreed at the Medicines Optimisation Committee on 10th June 2016 as part of the cost saving program for 2016/17.

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

Yours sincerely,

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