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Dear

### Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 29 November 2019 , with regards to urology product formularies.

#### Request/Response:

1. Does your organisation have a formulary for urology products, and, if so, please can you provide a link to it? **We do not have a formulary for urology products.**
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? **Please see response to Q1.**
3. Does your formulary contain a clear and functioning link to Part IX of the Drug Tariff? **Please see response to Q1.**
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? **Not applicable**
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. **Gemma Melia, Project Manager. [Gemma.melia@liverpoolccg.nhs.uk](mailto:Gemma.melia@liverpoolccg.nhs.uk)**
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 **Yes**

- b. Notify the [Urology Trade Association](http://www.urologytradeassociation.co.uk) at [uta@whitehouseconsulting.co.uk](mailto:uta@whitehouseconsulting.co.uk) that such a project is being taken forward so that our members can be informed.  
**Yes.**

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? **This is the responsibility of the employing provider organisation.**

We wish to take this opportunity to inform you that a formal complaints and internal review procedure is available to applicants who are unhappy with responses provided to FOI requests. You can formally request an internal review within a reasonable period of time (2 calendar months) from the date this response was issued.

Where you are not satisfied with the decision of the internal review you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) for a further review of that decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure in the first instance.

The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioners Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
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Cheshire  
SK9 5AF  
[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

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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