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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding prescribing Apomorphine within NHS South Sefton CCG.

Request/[Response](#):

Request 1 – Does your CCGs not permit the prescribing of apomorphine? If not, can you explain the rationale behind this.

NHS South Sefton CCG approve the prescribing of apomorphine as per the Pan Mersey APC rag rating and guidance. The link below includes the guidance along with prescribing support information and a template letter for secondary care to use when writing to primary care.

The rag rating and guidance has been agreed with local primary, secondary and tertiary care providers.

<https://formulary.panmerseyapc.nhs.uk/chaptersSubDetails.asp?FormularySectionID=4&SubSectionRef=04.09.01&SubSectionID=B100&drugmatch=1601#1601>

Request 2- I note that hospitals do prescribe Apomorphine. Could you confirm if whether there is a pass through or another method for NHS Trusts to pass the costs back to CCGS? 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?

Apomorphine is not a payment by results excluded drug and therefore a pass through payment would not apply for the initial prescribing undertaken by secondary care.