

9th June 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request relating to Lipid and Formulary.

The Trust can provide the following information:

1. Which person or which group of people are responsible for making decisions on the formulary position of lipid/cholesterol lowering drugs?

The City & Hackney CCG/ Homerton University Hospital Foundation Trust Joint Prescribing and Medicines Management Group

2. When was the prescribing formulary for your organisation last reviewed?

The joint formulary is a live product and continuously updated as and when necessary.

3. How often is the formulary reviewed?

Answered as question 2

4. Approximately how long after NICE approval are new medicines added to the formulary document (in days/weeks)?

Maximum, usually 4 weeks. When NICE TA's are published they are taken to the next JPG meeting (2nd Monday of each month) for information and then added to the formulary.

If you have any queries about this response please contact the information governance manager at foi@homerton.nhs.uk, in the first instance. If, following that, you still have any concerns, you may contact the Information Commissioner either by letter, FOI/EIR Complaints resolution, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SM9 5AF, or by email www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk to take them further.

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Yours sincerely

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