

FOI 3005

17<sup>th</sup> April 2025**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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**1) We have the following formularies listed as used by the organisation:  
Northern Ireland Adult Formulary  
Please confirm if this is correct and if not, please provide any relevant online  
links or copies of formularies.**

**Response:**

This is correct.

**2) We understand the following committees maintain the formularies in question  
1:  
Northern Ireland Medicines Management Commissioning Team  
Please confirm if this is correct. If not correct, please list the relevant committees  
with the corresponding formulary.**

**Response:**

The content of the Northern Ireland Formulary is maintained by the Regional Pharmacy and Medicines Management Team with the support of Panels for Prescribing Advice (PPA).

**3) Does the organisation have representation on the committees listed in  
question 2?**

**Response:**

The organisation will have representation on panels for prescribing advice

**4) Are any of the above formularies listed in question 1 dominant when making  
prescribing decisions or does this depend on therapy area? Please say which is  
the dominant formulary of the organisation.**

**Response:**

The scope of the NI Formulary is to provide all prescribers with guidance on first and second choice medicines (where appropriate). The scope of other prescribing guidance may be much broader than first and second line treatments. The selection of medicines in both the formulary and prescribing guidance is based on clinical effectiveness, safety, cost effectiveness and patient acceptability, taking into account NICE and other national guidance where appropriate.

The NI Formulary and prescribing guidance which falls within this process are intended to be used across both primary and secondary care sectors in NI to facilitate consistency of prescribing and continuity of supply. However, it is recognised that within the secondary care sector, first and second line choices may already have been prescribed and therefore compliance rates with the formulary in secondary care may not match the compliance rates expected in primary care.

**5) If you use a PDF formulary, have you considered moving it to an online platform like Netformulary, and if yes, when are you planning to do so?**

**Response:**

Formulary is available online [Formulary | NI Formulary](#)

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