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## Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received into this office on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

### You Asked for:

1) We understand the CCG has representation on the following medicines management / prescribing / formulary committees:

Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust Medicines Management Group  
Joint Wirral Drugs and Therapeutics Committee

Please confirm if this is correct.

**NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) does have representation on the above committees.**

2) Does the CCG have representation on any other medicines management / prescribing / formulary committees? If so, please advise which.

**NHS Wirral CCG also has an internal Medicines Management QIPP Group.**

3) Does the CCG take a lead role on any of the above committees? If so, please advise which.

**NHS Wirral CCG leads the Medicines Management Quality, Innovation, Productivity and Prevention (QIPP) Group. The CCG GP Prescribing Lead is the Vice Chair of the Joint Wirral Drug and Therapeutics Committee and has a delegated limit of authority to agree to formulary decisions; anything outside of this limit is ratified by the CCG. The Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (CWP) Medicines Management Group, is a recommendation body between CWP, West Cheshire CCG and Wirral CCG, decisions are ratified by each organisation.**

4) If the CCG does not take a lead role, please advise which CCGs take lead roles on the above committees.

**Please see the answer to question 3.**

5) Does the CCG, or any of the above committees on which it sits, reference a regional drug evaluation body (RDEB) for advice when determining products for formulary inclusion (such as London Medicines Evaluation Network, Wolfson Institute, a regional medicines information service etc)? If so, please advise which RDEB/s.

**NHS Wirral CCG does not specifically reference a RDEB for advice; however the committees will utilise a variety of evidence sources in making formulary decisions.**

6) Which organisation / committee's advice takes precedence when making local formulary decisions (RDEB or medicines management / prescribing / formulary committee)?

**Not applicable.**

7) We have the following formularies listed as used by the CCG:

Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (CWP) Mental Health Medicines Formulary  
Wirral Medicines Formulary

Please confirm if this is correct and if not, please provide a link/copy of relevant formularies.

**NHS Wirral CCG uses the above formularies;**

**Wirral Medicines Formulary - <http://mm.wirral.nhs.uk/formulary/>  
CWP formulary - <http://www.cwp.nhs.uk/pages/629-pharmacy-and-medicines-information>**

8) Are any of the above formularies dominant when making prescribing decisions or does this depend on therapy area?

**This would depend upon therapy area as to which formularies are utilised.**

9) If dependent on therapy area, please advise which formulary is dominant when making prescribing decisions for diabetes products.

**The Wirral Medicines Formulary would be dominant when making prescribing decisions for diabetes products.**

10) Does your CCG work with any other CCGs as a federation? If so, which CCGs.

**NHS Wirral CCG is not federated with other CCGs.**

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