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Dear Ben Goldacre and Richard Croker

### **Your Request for Information**

I am writing in response to your recent request that we received on 07 November 2017 in which you requested the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

### **Information Requested**

We are currently researching the change in GP prescribing behaviour in urinary tract infections.

Please can you provide us with the following information:

1. Do you have a formulary used by primary care prescribers? If so, what is the current status of nitrofurantoin and trimethoprim with respect to urinary tract infections (e.g. first line, second line, etc)

I can confirm NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group holds the information requested, please follow the link:

<http://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/rss/data/uploads/prescribing/north-yorkshire-antibiotic-prescribing-guideline-for-primary-care/ny-antibiotic-guidance-published.pdf>

2. Has the status of either nitrofurantoin or trimethoprim changed in the formulary since November 2014? If so, can you please provide the previous status(es) and details of the date(s) of change.

[Used to be trimethoprim first line and then nitrofurantoin, NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group does not hold further information.](#)

3. Have you had any work plans in place with respect to nitrofurantoin and trimethoprim prescribing since 2014? If so, can you please provide documents and start date.

Yes – GP federations asked to:

All Member Practices [and Associate Practices] to meet the Green target to deliver a reduction in antibacterial indicators as specified below. Measured using PrescQIPP data - <https://www.prescqipp.info/>. Data will be measured using March 2018 data

|             |   |  |       |              |       |      |
|-------------|---|--|-------|--------------|-------|------|
| Antibiotics | Taken from PrescQIPP Quality Score card | *Trimethoprim : Nitrofurantoin items ratio | >1.35 | 0.65 to 1.35 | <0.65 | 0.95 |
|-------------|---|--|-------|--------------|-------|------|

4. Have you had any GP prescribing incentive schemes or similar which relate to trimethoprim or nitrofurantoin prescribing since November 2014? If so, can you please provide the documents.

See above

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Yours sincerely

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