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Dear Mr Goldacre & Mr Croker,

Further to your request to NHS Herts Valleys Clinical Commissioning Group under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), please find below our answers to your questions.

- 1) Do you have a formulary used by primary care prescribers?**
Yes.
- 2) If so, what is the current status of nitrofurantoin and trimethoprim with respect to urinary tract infections (eg. First line, second line, etc)?**
Please view **Attachment 1** for this information.
- 3) 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?**
Yes. Please view **Attachment 1** (antimicrobial guideline document) for information on changes made.
- 4) 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.**



We updated the antimicrobial guidelines during 2017, and the approved updated document was published in July 2017. Please see the attached document for more detailed information on changes made.

5) 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?

Yes. One of the quality components of our medicines Local Incentive Scheme refers to Trimethoprim and Nitrofurantoin. Please find **attached** an excerpt of the section of our Local Incentive Scheme that relates to these products.

Yours sincerely,



Aryldi Moss-Burke

Freedom of Information Officer

NHS Herts Valleys Clinical Commissioning Group

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