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Dear Requestor,

RE: Freedom of Information Request NNE/17/1526

With reference to your request for information I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information that you have requested. A response to your request is outlined in blue typeface below on behalf of NHS Nottingham North and East Clinical Commissioning Group.

In your request you asked:

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?)

Formulary information can be found at the following link:

<http://www.nottinghamshireformulary.nhs.uk/chaptersSubDetails.asp?FormularySectionID=5&SubSectionRef=05.01.13&SubSectionID=A100>

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 see information below and guidelines at:

<http://www.nottsapc.nhs.uk/media/1044/antimicrobial-guidelines.pdf?UNLID=1033696972017117162459>

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.

The information below was circulated and discussed with practices in 2016:

The 2015 update of the Nottinghamshire antimicrobial guidelines saw some key changes. The most significant of which was around the choice of antibiotics for the treatment of UTI's. Due to increasing resistance trimethoprim is NO longer recommended as empiric

therapy; Nitrofurantoin is now first line treatment, however before prescribing, risk factors for resistance should be considered:

- Older than 65 years,
- A care home resident
- Previous treatment failure
- Recurrent UTI hospitalisation in the last six months
- Recent travel to a country with increased antimicrobial resistance
- Previously resistant organism in urine

Second line treatment:

- Trimethoprim in a patient under 65 years, with no risk factors for resistance
- Pivmecillinam in patients over 65 years or with risk factors

Training support was provided at practice meetings (annual and monthly) about the guideline changes. Prescribing is monitored and the clinical system (System One) formulary has all the antibiotics on it from the guidelines.

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.

No

I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

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Yours sincerely

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