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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

Original Request:

I am writing to ask if you can provide me with the following information about your organisation:

1. Which person or which group of people are responsible for making decision on the formulary position of lipid/cholesterol lowering drugs?
2. When was the prescribing formulary for your organisation last reviewed?
3. How often is the formulary reviewed?
4. Approximately how long after NICE approval are new medicines added to the formulary document (in days/weeks)?

Our Response:

Wirral Community NHS Trust adheres to a Wirral-wide medicines formulary and therefore would not independently choose a lipid lowering product. The formulary is reviewed following receipt of NICE guidelines and recommendations.

Relevant NICE guidance is considered monthly. If trust procedures require updating in the light of new NICE guidance, this can take approximately three months as a minimum.

Yours sincerely,