

Ref: FOI 199

18 December 2019

Dear Requestor

Request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

On 12 December 2019 you sent a request, made under the Freedom of Information Act, relating to medicines management in care homes. I now provide this information as an attachment.

I trust that this is the information you require and that your request has been fully discharged.

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If you have queries about this response, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group

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Q1:

What data does the CCG have access to on medicine prescription, dispensing and administration in care homes and how is this collected?

Response:

This is only available through ePACT2 so it is only prescribing/dispensing. The CCG does not collect administration data.

Q2:

What policies do you currently have within the CCG for monitoring, reviewing and optimising medicine use in care homes?

Response:

The CCG does not have any policies for monitoring, reviewing and optimising medicine use in care homes.

Q3:

How is medicine prescribing, dispensing and administration within care homes in the CCG monitored?

Response:

The CCG does not monitor medicine prescribing, dispensing and administration within care homes.

Q4:

Are there any specialist teams within the CCG responsible for reviewing medicines within care homes, such as medicine optimisation pharmacists, and if so, what is the standard process for this? For example:

1. Who is involved in these reviews?
2. How often are these reviews conducted?
3. How are individuals identified for review?
4. What is the standard process for conducting these reviews?
5. How long do these reviews take?
6. What tools or frameworks are used to guide the review and/or decisions around deprescribing?
7. How are outcomes of the review assessed?

Response:

Not held in the CCG, there are care homes pharmacists employed in practices and providers. However, the CCG does not hold any of this information.