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Dear Requestor

Request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

On 24th June 2020 you sent a request, made under the Freedom of Information Act, relating to Apomorphine. 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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Paddy Baker
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Q1:

Does your CCGs not permit the prescribing of apomorphine? If not, can you explain the rationale behind this.

Response:

The drug is RED on the Dorset formulary so it is only prescribed in secondary care under supervision of Parkinson's nurses. www.dorsetformulary.nhs.uk

Q2:

I note that hospitals do prescribe Apomorphine. Could you confirm if whether there is a pass through or another method for NHS Trusts to pass the costs back to CCGS? If not, since it is a tariff drug and the Trusts have no other funding method, are you in fact driving inequity or postcode prescribing by preventing the use of apomorphine?

Response:

Dorset has a block contract with trusts for this type of drug so there is no movement of money and the costs will be in the trust baseline. If there are cost pressures, there are routes for the trusts to apply to the system for additional funding or reclassification of the drug. However, for any patients on the border of Dorset who access Yeovil Hospital, there is a different arrangement in place by Somerset CCG and we therefore follow their process.