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Dear Requester

**Request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

On 24<sup>th</sup> August 2020 you sent a request, made under the Freedom of Information Act, relating to Covid prescriptions. 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.

If you are unhappy with this response, you are entitled to request an internal review of our decision, handled where possible by a member of staff not directly involved in the initial decision. If you wish to request such a review, please write direct to the Data Protection Officer, NHS Dorset, Ground Floor, West Wing, Vespasian House, Barrack Road, Dorchester DT1 1TG. We aim to deal with requests for internal review within three weeks of receipt, although where the issues involved are very complicated this period may be extended up to a total of six weeks.

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**  
Data Protection Officer  
NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group

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**Q1:**

Please tell me if from your N.h.s. Local C.c.g office if you can offer if required by patients via special ordering application through N.h.s. Local C.c.g., the following preventive and/or therapeutic prescription drugs found useful in medical research papers against Covid:

- 1) Favipiravir (Avigan)
- 2) Ivermectin
- 3) Famotidine (Pepcid Ac)
- 4) Hydroxychloroquin + Azithromycin + Zinc
- 5) Bcg vaccine

**Response:**

Any medication funded for treatment or prevention of any disease will be subject to robust evidence base and national and local guidance. In addition, they would require prescription by a registered health professional delivering NHS services. The medicines listed above have been reported as being used in some trials and news stories but have not become part of routine NHS treatment. Some of them are within trials in NHS hospitals, to establish an evidence base.

If a patient under specialist care for Covid 19 needs treatment, they will have the potential for enrolment in clinical trials undertaken locally, and some of the drugs listed have been included in such trials.

Any prescriber wishing to treat a patient with one of these drugs which is not licensed or NICE approved for use in Covid 19 would have to submit a request to either add to the Dorset formulary for such treatment, or in exceptional circumstances an individual patient treatment request. In making such a submission the health professional would need to include the evidence base to support use, and this would be subjected to critical appraisal and evaluation of the quality of the evidence base before a decision on funding took place.