

NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust

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Dear Sirs,

Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID OP 151 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding:-

Pharmacy Committees and Formulary

Your request is set out below:

- 1) We understand the ICS/Trust has representation on the following Medicines Management / Prescribing / Formulary Committees:
 - Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust Drugs and Therapeutics Group
 - Kent and Medway Sub-ICB Prescribing Interface Group
 - Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust Drugs and Therapeutic Committee

Please confirm if this is correct.

If not correct, please list the relevant Committees.

Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust (KMPT) have representation at the Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust Drugs and Therapeutics Group

2) Does the Organisation have representation on any other medicines management / prescribing / formulary committees? If so, please advise which.

Yes, KMPT have representation at the Kent and Medway Integrated Medicines Optimisation Committee (IMOC) meetings

- 3) We have the following formularies listed as used by the Organisation:
 - Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust Formulary
 - West Kent Interface Adult Formulary

Please confirm if this is correct and if not, please provide online link(s)/copy of relevant formularies.

The Trust uses the Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Formulary. It is designed to support clinicians to offer evidence-based, clinically effective and cost-effective drug treatments. The link to the formulary is https://www.kmptformulary.nhs.uk/

4) Are any of the above formularies dominant when making prescribing decisions or does this depend on therapy area? Please say which is the relevant formulary of the Organisation.

The KMPT formulary is the dominant formulary in Kent relating to those medicines used for the treatment of mental health conditions and learning disabilities.

When prescribing for physical health indications we ask our clinicians to follow the local trust formulary:

https://www.dgsdvhformulary.nhs.uk/ https://www.ekhuftformulary.nhs.uk/ https://www.formularywkccgmtw.co.uk/ http://www.medwayswaleformulary.co.uk/

5) If you use a PDF formulary, have you considered moving it to an online platform like Net formulary, and if yes, when are you planning to do so?

KMPT use an online formulary

I confirm that the information above completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

If you have any questions or concerns or are unhappy with the response provided or the service you have received you can write to the Head of Information Governance at the address on top of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of The Information Governance Department