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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5778**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 08th June 2023.

Your request was as follows:

1)  We understand the ICS/Trust has representation on the following Medicines Management / Prescribing / Formulary Committees:

- Pan Mersey Area Prescribing Committee

Please confirm if this is correct.

If not correct, please list the relevant Committees.

Yes, the Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust has representation by a senior pharmacist from LUHFT who represents both Trusts. (Note this has now merged with the equivalent Cheshire group and formularies are in the process of being aligned.)

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

Yes, the WCFT have representation on the BCUHB Neurosciences Medicines Management Committee.

3)  We have the following formularies listed as used by the Organisation:

- Pan Mersey Area Prescribing Committee Medicines Formulary

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

Yes, this is correct. We also have to refer to other formularies for surrounding areas for patients who live outside of Pan Mersey:

Central and Eastern Cheshire Medicines Management Team - <https://www.cheshireformulary.nhs.uk/>  
<https://bcuformulary.wales.nhs.uk>

Greater Manchester Clinical Standards Board - <https://gmmmg.nhs.uk/>

Central Lancashire Formulary - <http://www.centrallancashireformulary.nhs.uk/default.asp>

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.

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

N/A

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Yours sincerely

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