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Freedom of Information Request

1. Does the CCG have a formulary for Blood Glucose Test Strips and Insulin Pen Needles
If so please can provide the formulary/s or link to the formulary/s. If you cannot provide a link can you advise which products are included under what guidance
2. Are there any Area Prescribing Committee guidelines or other regional guidance consulted when forming the above formularies for BGTS and PNs
3. Please advise the responsible Medicines Optimisation contact for the above formularies and their contact
4. Please advise the date when the above Formularies are set for next review

NHS Norwich CCG response

NHS Norwich CCG would like to respond as follows:

1. Yes, in the form of recommended guidance. Please find the requested information on four separate PDF files (Blood Glucose Test Strips (12-09-17)).

Some of the information contained within the formulary documents, such as names and contact details, are being withheld under section 40(2) of the FOI Act 2000.

Section 40(2) of the Act provides an exemption to the disclosure of information where it is:

- the personal data of someone other than you; and
- the disclosure of that personal data would put us in breach of the principles of the Data Protection Act 1998 ("DPA"), with which we are obliged to comply.

The personal data within the withheld information is not public and disclosure of this information to the world at large would be unwarranted, does not add to the substantive understanding of the information disclosed, would cause substantial damage and distress to those data subjects involved, and thus would be unfair and in breach of the first DPA principle and, as such, is exempt from disclosure under section 40(2) of the Act.

2. The reference sources used are listed in the documents.
3. The formularies are reviewed via the Norfolk & Waveney Prescribing Reference Group which is administered by the NEL Commissioning Support Unit (Anglia) Prescribing and Medicines Management team.

If you wish to contact anyone in the CSU, please use the contact form on the CSU's website:

<http://www.nelcsu.nhs.uk/aboutus/contact-us.htm>

4. The dates for review are stated on the documents.