

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – PRIMARY CARE REBATE SCHEME

I write in response to your request for information in relation to primary care rebate schemes in NHS Lothian.

Question:

Could you please let me know which active primary care rebate schemes your organisation are currently signed up to? Could you please provide the start and end dates of the contracts.

Answer:

The primary care rebate schemes are administered nationally for Scotland by NHS National Services Scotland (NHS NSS).

The attached document lists the schemes currently active in Scotland which are available to all boards including NHS Lothian whenever these drugs are used. No rebates are exclusive to NHS Lothian. This list also shows the dates the schemes were initiated and when they end plus detail of changes.

Further revisions will be available on the NSS website. Queries can be directed to the National Procurement Pharmacy Team at nss.pchc@nhs.scot.

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at <https://www.foi.scot/appeal>. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the reviewer at the address at the top of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

FOI responses (subject to redaction of personal information) may appear on NHS Lothian's Freedom of Information website at: <https://org.nhslothian.scot/FOI>

Yours sincerely

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