

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – HEART FAILURE PRESCRIBING

I write in response to your request for information in relation to heart failure prescribing.

Question:

- Following a search of your website and that of any formularies your organisation is associated with, we have been unable to identify any published guidelines for the treatment of the following conditions. Please could you confirm if NHS Lothian has any local guidelines for the treatment of these conditions.

Heart Failure

Has NHS Lothian published or updated any guidelines for the treatment of heart failure with reduced, preserved or mildly reduced ejection fraction since June 2023?

Answer:

NHS Lothian is partner health board in the East Region Formulary where the following pathways exist for heart failure:

- **Adults**
 - **Management of heart failure with reduced ejection fraction –**
<https://www.formulary.nhs.scot/east/cardiovascular-system/cardiovascular-conditions/heart-failure/?m=management-of-heart-failure-with-reduced-ejection-fraction>
 - Updates
 - 28/02/2023 Updates to prescribing information ERWG Jan 2023.
 - 28/11/2022 Losartan dose edited to reflect BNF, ERFC Sept 22.
 - **Management of heart failure with preserved ejection fraction –**
<https://www.formulary.nhs.scot/east/cardiovascular-system/cardiovascular-conditions/heart-failure/?m=management-of-heart-failure-with-preserved-ejection-fraction>
 - Updates
 - 16/02/2022 East Region Formulary content agreed.

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- **Management of heart failure under specialist advice -**
- <https://www.formulary.nhs.scot/east/cardiovascular-system/cardiovascular-conditions/heart-failure/?m=management-of-heart-failure-under-specialist-advice>
 - Updates
 - 28/09/2023 Updates to prescribing information, Empagliflozin SMC2523 ERFC June 23, Dapagliflozin SMC2577 Aug 23.
 - 28/02/2023 Addition of empagliflozin SMC2396 and updates to prescribing notes ERWG Jan 2023.
- **Children**
 - **Management of heart failure –**
<https://www.formulary.nhs.scot/east/cardiovascular-system/cardiovascular-conditions/heart-failure/?m=c-management-of-heart-failure>
 - Updates
 - 19/06/2023 East Region Formulary content agreed - ERFC 07/06/2023.

This information is exempt under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Information otherwise accessible

(1) Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it under section 1(1) is exempt information.

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 www.itspublicknowledge.info/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 FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.



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Yours sincerely

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