

Request title: Formulary and medicine decisions

Date of Response: 22nd January 2016

Further to your Freedom of Information request, the Trust has answered your questions in the order they appear in your request.

Request and reply

Please could you confirm if there is a medicine advisory/steering/review group within the hospital? If so could you please provide the minutes of the meetings from Jan 2013 through to the current time?

The Trust does not have a specific medicine advisory/steering/review group.

The Trust has a New Drugs Group (which reports to the Medicines Management Group) and this deals with approving new drugs which clinicians/specialties wish to use in the Trust.

The New Drugs Group operates in parallel to the Clinical Commissioning's joint formulary which approves specific drugs for use in the region which the Trust aligns with. This in turn operates in parallel to NICE guidance.

There are also many clinical specialty groups which will discuss/review current and new treatment choices for their specific areas.

Specifically for anticoagulation within the hospital is there a committee (often referred to as a thrombosis committee) and if so again could I please request the minutes for any meetings from January 2013 through to the current time?

No, the Trusts does not have a formal anti-coagulation group.