

12 March 2018

Our Ref: RFI 22817

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in Relation to the Prescribing of Buprenorphine Transdermal
Patches**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for the information relating to the above which you requested on 28 February 2018.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Hospital Services Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

Under the terms of the legislation, if you are unhappy with this response you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. If you wish to do so, please write to me at the address below.

If after such a review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner who will undertake an independent review. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

**L McAree (Miss)
Head of Information Governance &
Directorate Support**

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With respect to the following questions, please provide answers for any decisions made since 1 January 2016.

Q1. Has the CCG (or CSU) or Health Board recommended prescribing a particular brand or brands of 7 day buprenorphine transdermal patches? If so, what brand or brands were recommended to be prescribed?

A1. Please refer to the Northern Ireland formulary page, which can be accessed via the address below:-

http://niformulary.hscni.net/PrescribingNewsletters/PDF/NIMM_2016/NIMM_NewsletterVol7Issue8Aug16.pdf

Q2. If the CCG (or CSU) or Health Board recommends prescribing more than one brand of 7 day buprenorphine transdermal patches what, if any, guidance is there on which brand(s) should be prescribed?

A2. See above.

Q3. For each brand of 7 day buprenorphine transdermal patches recommended, on what date was the decision made to recommend that brand?

A3. The above was recommended in September 2016.