

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/20/231
Prescribing of Apomorphine

Request details

1 – Does your Health Board not permit the prescribing of Apomorphine? If not, can you explain the rationale behind this?

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) can prescribe Apomorphine, although it is to be specialist initiated.

For further information please refer to the following link:

<https://cavformulary.wales.nhs.uk/>

It may be subject to a shared care protocol whereby the GP continues prescription.

2- I note that hospitals do prescribe Apomorphine. Could you confirm if whether there is a pass through or another method for hospitals to pass the costs back to the Health Board? If not, since it is a tariff drug and the hospitals have no other funding method, are you in fact driving inequity or postcode prescribing by preventing the use of apomorphine?

Please refer to Q1. Please note Health Board's In Wales are integrated primary and secondary care.