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Health Board

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Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg ac yn y Saesneg. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

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Dear

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Your request sought information relating to Apomorphine.

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

Swansea Bay Health Board lists Apomorphine on its Formulary. There are no restrictions in place for its use.

**Request 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?**

The structure you describe above is not relevant in Wales. Health Boards and its hospitals are one organisation i.e. Swansea Bay Health Board, therefore where you describe 'pass back costs', this is not relevant to us.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at [FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk).

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If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 029 2067 8400.

Yours sincerely



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**Director of Corporate Governance**

