Dear

Freedom of Information Request

Further to your request for information dated 26 February 2018 the information requested is below

1. 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?

   • Yes – NHS Dartford Gravesham and Swanley CCG (CCG) has recommended that the BUTEC brand of Buprenorphine patches are to be prescribed.

2. 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?

   • The CCG does not recommend prescribing more than one brand of buprenorphine patches; the recommended choice is indicated on the formulary (available at http://www.dgsdvhformulary.nhs.uk/)

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

   • The decision to recommend Butec patches was made in August/September 2016
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