

FOI 2122060 – Medicine Management

NHS Calderdale CCG's response to your request can be found below.

**1. How is your organisation working with pharmaceuticals**

**a. Approving pharmaceuticals**

The CCG does not have an approve process for pharmaceuticals

**b. Paying for the pharmaceuticals**

The cost of primary care pharmaceuticals is recharged to the CCG

**c. Managing Procurement/Tender processes of pharmaceuticals**

There is no procurement process in place relating to pharmaceuticals

**d. Providing treatment recommendation (regional and/or national recommendations)**

We follow national guidance such as that produced by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) or local guidance if in place

**2. General information on the pharmaceutical processes in the country**

**a. What determines how drugs are being reimbursed; price, effect; comparison of drugs within a specific disease area or comparison of treatments across therapeutic areas (e.g. by using incremental cost effectiveness ratios)?**

The reimbursement of drugs is set centrally by the Department of Health and Social Care, see the Drug Tariff <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pharmacies-gp-practices-and-appliance-contractors/drug-tariff>

**b. Is there a national or regional recommendation list? Who defines this list?**

There is no national recommended list. The CCG produces a local formulary, however, there are no restriction to prescribing apart from those set out in the Drug Tariff see <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2021-06/Drug%20Tariff%20July%202021.pdf>

**c. Who is paying for the drugs administrated via pharmacies, national, regional, or hospital/clinics?**

The cost of prescriptions dispensed through pharmacies are paid by the NHS and recharged to the appropriate CCG.

**Sustainability**

**3. Environmental sustainability ambitions related to the Paris Agreement in general**

**a. Is your organisation working with environmental sustainability goals?**

Yes – these form part of our Sustainability Development Management Plan (Green Plan) however this is in the process of being reviewed. It should also be borne in mind that the CCG will no longer be a legal entity as of 31 March 2022 so any reviewed plan is time limited.

**b. Is the organisation working with environmental sustainability goals related to the Paris Agreement?**

No however any goals related to the Paris Agreement which are appropriate to the business of the CCG will form part of the reviewed Green Plan. It should also be borne in mind that the CCG will no longer be a legal entity as of 31 March 2022 so any reviewed plan is time limited.

**c. Is your organisation setting its own environmental sustainability targets or is the organisation dependent on other organisation for targets?**

No targets have been set at the moment however we work closely with Calderdale Council so are aware that they have their own environmental sustainability targets which we would look to emulate. For example the Council has an ambition to have zero net emissions by 2038 however again the CCG will no longer be a legal entity as of 31 March 2022 so any targets would be time limited.

**d. Is environmental sustainability targets related to environmental effects of specific medicines such as the Co2 effect of propellants in inhalers?**

Please refer to question 3 c.

**e. If your organisation is a payer, does the organisation include environmental sustainability as a criterion in their procurement processes?**

Please see response to question 3 c.

**f. If not, what needs to change for sustainability to be included in the assessments of pharmaceuticals?**

Please see response to question 3 c.

**g. In the assessment processes of pharmaceuticals, is the criteria “hard” or “soft”? In other words, is the environmental sustainability criteria mandatory to fulfil or does fulfilling them only have a positive impact on the assessment?**

Please see response to question 3 c.

**h. What is the timeframe for such criteria? Immediately vs fulfilment in e.g. 10 years?**

Please see response to question 3 c.

**i. Can you give examples of such criteria?**

Please see response to question 3 c.

**4. Sustainability ambitions going forward**

**a. Are there plans to work with environmental sustainability in the future? If yes, how?**

Yes – these form part of our Sustainability Development Management Plan (Green Plan) however this is in the process of being reviewed. It should also be borne in mind that the CCG will no longer be a legal entity as of 31 March 2022 so any reviewed plan is time limited.

**b. If yes, what is the timeframe working with environmental sustainability?**

The CCG will no longer be a legal entity as of 31 March 2022 so any timeframe would be limited.

**c. Would you be interested in collaborating with other stakeholders in the sector on introducing sustainability in the market access process in your country?**

The CCG will no longer be a legal entity as of 31 March 2022 so unfortunately, we would be unable to give any commitment to collaboration with other stakeholders.