

FOI 0548/2025 Request

1) We have the following formularies listed as used by the organisation: Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Medicines Optimisation Committee (IMOC) Formulary. Please confirm if this is correct and if not, please provide any relevant online links or copies of formularies.

Yes, are using medications as approved for use under this formulary.

Some new medications may be used for patients who transfer in on medication not on the formulary. In these cases, it is expected to either apply to the IMOC for inclusion on the formulary as per the IMOC requirements, or for the patient to be switched to a similar item on the formulary.

2) We understand the following committees maintain the formularies in question 1: Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Medicines Optimisation Committee. Please confirm if this is correct. If not correct, please list the relevant committees with the corresponding formulary.

Yes, with input from the PTC committees (or equivalent) at the local trusts covered by the IMOC

3) Does the organisation have representation on the committees listed in question 2?

Yes, up until this month this was the Chief Pharmacist, but following his retirement in February, the incoming Chief Pharmacist will decide who will represent the Trust for the committee. In the interim, the Deputy Chief Pharmacists are a point of contact.

4) Are any of the above formularies listed in question 1 dominant when making prescribing decisions or does this depend on therapy area? Please say which is the dominant formulary of the organisation.

We try and work within the IMOC formulary as far as possible. Some medications may not be yet approved, or not yet applied for, and so may be prescribed pending approval, but these are few. The formulary may identify medications which require specialist management, and so they should not be prescribed outside those areas.

5) If you use a PDF formulary, have you considered moving it to an online platform like Netformulary, and if yes, when are you planning to do so?

The formulary is an online based system already.

6) Request for Re-use.

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