

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_198_20

You asked:

I note that virtually no apomorphine is prescribed in your Health Board, yet I am aware that there is a normal distribution of Parkinson's patients.

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

Apomorphine is on the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Formulary. Dacepton is Hospital only prescribing and Apo-go is specialist initiated. There is a Shared Care Protocol available for APO-go.

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?

Health Boards in Wales are both commissioners and providers of services in their areas, with responsibility for the health of their local population.

This means that they deliver or commission the full range of health services, including hospital-based. Hospitals in the area form the Health Board, they are not separate.