

13 October 2022

Dear

ATISN 16749 – Red List Drugs

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information received on 11 October which will be dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) (FOIA). You have requested the following:

- *To provide a list of ‘red list’ drugs? Drugs which are approved but are restricted because of their cost*

Response

Welsh Government does not hold the information you have requested and there is no national ‘red list’.

We have assumed that your request relates to medicines which are designated as “less suitable for prescribing” or “not for prescribing” in health board medicines formularies where traffic light categories are often used.

Medicines which cannot be prescribed by general practitioners in Wales can be found in Part XVIII A of the England and Wales Drug Tariff *Drugs, Medicines and other Substances not to be ordered under a General Medical Services contract* available at [Tariff.book \(nhsbsa.nhs.uk\)](https://nhsbsa.nhs.uk)

Medicines not recommended for routine use in NHS Wales on the grounds their cost effectiveness has not been demonstrated can be found by reviewing individual appraisal recommendations published by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence at [Published guidance, NICE advice and quality standards | Guidance | NICE](#) and the All Wales Medicines Strategy Group at [Medicine recommendations - All Wales Therapeutics and Toxicology Centre \(nhs.wales\)](#)

Next Steps

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name and address. The Welsh Government will be the data processor for this information and, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation, it will be processed in order to fulfil our public task and meet our legal obligations under the Act to provide you with a response.

We will only use this personal information to deal with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. We will keep your personal information and all other information relating to your request for three years from the date on which your request is finally closed. Your personal information will then be disposed of securely.

Under data protection legislation, you have the right:

- to be informed of the personal data we hold about you and to access it
- to require us to rectify inaccuracies in that data
- to (in certain circumstances) object to or restrict processing
- for (in certain circumstances) your data to be 'erased'
- to (in certain circumstances) data portability
- to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is our independent regulator for data protection

For further information about the information which the Welsh Government holds and its use, or if you wish to exercise your rights under the GDPR, please see contact details below:

Data Protection Officer
Welsh Government
Cathays Park
CARDIFF
CF10 3NQ
Email: DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process

Yours sincerely,