



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

ATISN 15204

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Dear

ATISN 15204: Drug Tariff

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 7 June. You requested information related to the Drug Tariff in Wales specifically:

- *Copies of the Drug Tariff in Wales for the period January 2001 to December 2007 (the "Period"), showing the drug tariffs and the Discount Scales (sometimes referred to as "Deduction Scale" or "Claw-back") applied to pharmacy contractors for each drug;*
- *Explanations for any changes to the Deduction Scales / Discount Scales / Claw-back applied to pharmacy contractors during the Period;*
- *Details of who was involved in setting the Deduction Scales / Discount Scales / Claw-back for the various drugs, and how those decisions were taken during the Period.*
- *Details of who was involved in setting the drug tariff during the period;*
- *Details on how the drug tariff for Cat A drugs was calculated during the period, including the names of the wholesalers and generic suppliers whose list prices were sampled during the period to determine Cat A prices (i.e. were included in the "basket"). If the identities changed during the Period please provide the identities of the supplies indicating the period over which they were included in the basket;*
- *Date in which Cat M was introduced in the drug tariff in Wales.*

Our Response

We do not hold the information you have requested in relation to copies of the Drug Tariff for the period January 2001 to December 2007. The NHS Business Services Authority (NHS BSA) is responsible for administering the Drug Tariff on behalf of the Welsh Ministers, including responsibility for price setting and discounts.

You may wish to contact the NHS BSA for further information. Details of how to contact the NHSBSA are available here: <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/contact-us/freedom-information>

You may also wish to be aware the current Drug Tariff is available on the NHS BSA website here: <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pharmacies-gp-practices-and-appliance-contractors/drug-tariff>

Back issues from February 2016 of the Drug Tariff are available here: <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pharmacies-gp-practices-and-appliance-contractors/drug-tariff/back-copies-drug-tariff>

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

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,