

29 September 2026

Dear

ATISN 27591 – Asthma Inhalers

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 29 September 2026 relating to asthma inhalers.

You requested the following:

Please would you let me have the unit prices paid by the Welsh NHS for the following:

- *Ventolin Evohaler 100mcg/200 dose*
- *Symbicort 200/6 Turbohaler*

Response

The Welsh Government does not hold the information requested.

Whilst Welsh Government is responsible for policy and funding arrangements relating to NHS services in Wales, it does not routinely purchase medicines and does not hold records of the prices paid for individual medicines by NHS organisations.

The price paid for a medicine may also vary depending on the context in which it is supplied. For example:

- Community pharmacy reimbursement prices are based on nationally determined reimbursement arrangements. In general, where a medicine is prescribed by its brand name, pharmacies will be reimbursed at the manufacturer's UK list price minus a discount applied in accordance with the discount scale published in the Drug Tariff.
- Hospital acquisition prices may be agreed through procurement contracts or framework agreements.
- Local purchasing arrangements may include discounts or commercial terms which vary between contracts and over time.

Information on medicine purchasing is therefore more likely to be held by NHS organisations responsible for procurement.

You may therefore wish to redirect your request to:

- NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP), which undertakes procurement activities on behalf of NHS Wales organisations; and/or
- Individual NHS Health Boards, if you are seeking information relating to medicines purchased and used within their hospital services.

In accordance with our duty to provide advice and assistance under section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we recommend contacting NWSSP in the first instance, as they are most likely to hold information relating to NHS Wales procurement arrangements for these products. Contact details for NWSSP can be found [here](#)

Contact details for individual NHS health Boards can be found [here](#)

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,