

May 16th 2018

BY EMAIL

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Our Ref: FOI 872 & FOI 873

Dear [REDACTED]

Your request for information was received on April 23rd 2018 and was dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please be advised that the Business Services Organisation (BSO) has now completed its search for the information you requested with regards to Freestyle Libre Sensor and Aerochamber products.

I can advise that the Family Practitioner Service (FPS) within BSO has investigated the issue relating to the Freestyle Libre Sensor and Aerochamber products not appearing on the GP Prescribing Open Data as well. The products now have codes in the Medicinal Products table so that BSO can provide information on their prescribing in future updates.

When we next update the GP Prescribing data we will re-run previous information for November, December, January and February to include these products and will provide updated files through the Open Data NI Website and the BSO website.

In the meantime we have already updated the Prescription Cost Analysis for 2017 to include these products. You will be able to get the total prescribing and costs for the products listed in 2017 at Northern Ireland level at the following link:
<http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/services/2930.htm>

I hope that this information assists you. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to

Information Governance Manager,
2 Franklin Street,
Belfast,
BT2 8DQ

If, following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision making panel, you remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request, you may make a complaint under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the BSO has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act.



You can contact Information Commissioner at:

Website: www.ico.org.uk
Phone: 0303 123 1113
Email: casework@ico.org.uk
Post: Information Commissioner's Office
3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place
Belfast
BT7 2JB

In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out. However the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Yours Sincerely,


pp **Liam McIvor**
Chief Executive