

## Freedom of Information Response

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### Question:

I am trying to collate any information available. Ultimately, to get our blood glucose test strips on the CCG formularies I need support from people who are part of the formulary process such as Nurses, Doctors and Pharmacists. My area covers all of the 6 CCGs you mentioned. Could you please provide information relating to these areas which you think may be of use?

### Response: NHS Greater Manchester Shared Services (GMSS)

The Greater Manchester Medicines Management Group (GMMMGM) is the coordinating group for decision making around medicines, and in particular high cost medicines, in Greater Manchester. It is responsible for the GM Joint Formulary.

The GMMMGM consists of GPs, pharmacists and other key healthcare professionals. It seeks to identify and champion the appropriate use of medicines across Greater Manchester, taking into account cost effectiveness, quality, equity and patient safety. The group is formally accountable to the GM collaboration of CCG's and the work plan is facilitated and supported by the Regional Drug & Therapeutics Centre in Newcastle and NHS Greater Manchester Shared Services (GMSS).

The current GM position on blood glucose test strips (BGTS) can be found in the [BGTS evaluation protocol and results](#). There will be no update to this area of the Formulary until further notice.

You can contact the GMMMGM through their [website](#) should you require further information.

### Queries:

It is hoped you find these details helpful to your enquiries. However, if you are unhappy with this response please let us know, giving your reasons for believing we have not satisfied the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act.

The matter will then be considered by the Freedom of Information officer who will respond in writing. This correspondence will include details of the Information Commissioner who you can contact if you remain dissatisfied with our response.

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