

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

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Question/s to be answered

- 1) What procedure(s) currently exist for clinicians to prescribe a licensed medicine that has not yet had an SMC determination in your NHS Board area?

The clinician can apply to use the drug following the procedure below

- 2) What procedure(s) does a clinician currently have to follow for a medicine that is not on formulary but has been accepted for use by SMC in your NHS Board area?

The clinician can prescribe the drug in Shetland, pending inclusion on Formulary which will specify the particular indications and limitations to the products use.

- 3) Could you please supply a copy of the current guidance documents around prescribing items in these two circumstances for your NHS Board area?

<http://www.shb.scot.nhs.uk/documents/pphandbook/documents/ExceptionalPrescribingprocedureDec08.pdf>