

Ref: FOI/00051/CMICB
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Your Request:

Due to the newly created 'NHS Cheshire and Merseyside ICB', are there any plans to consolidate the formularies below, if so what is the timeline and where would the new formulary be published?

Existing formularies referred to:

- **Chester Joint Formulary**
- **East Cheshire NHS Trust**
- **Liverpool Heart and Chest NHS Foundation Trust**
- **Mid Cheshire NHS Foundation Trust**
- **NHS Cheshire Formulary**
- **Pan Mersey APC**
- **Warrington & Halton Hospitals**

Our Response:

There are currently two established Areas Prescribing Committees (APC)/Groups (APG) within Cheshire & Merseyside ICB which are the Pan Mersey APC and the Cheshire APG. NHS provider Trusts in Pan Mersey and Cheshire utilise their respective APC/APG formularies to inform the drugs in their own formularies (if they have one). NHS provider Trusts located on the border with other APCs may need to consider multiple APC formularies.

NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB will continue to adopt and operate the former CCG approved prescribing recommendations prior to 01 July 2022, from their respective Area Prescribing Committee/Groups until a formal review of the recommendations is undertaken. A statement in regard to this can be found on our website via the following link:

<https://www.cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk/about/how-we-work/commissioning-policies/>

Work is underway to form a single Cheshire & Merseyside Area Prescribing Committee which in turn will consider a single formulary. Timelines for completion of the forming of the new committee are yet to be agreed.