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Your Request:

Can you please advise what the current policy is for prescribing of gluten free foods?

Our Response:

Please note from 01 July 2022, the former Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) were disestablished, and their statutory functions, responsibilities and commissioning policies inherited by NHS Cheshire and Merseyside ICB. Further information regarding the current application of the commissioning policies in operation across the Cheshire & Merseyside area can be found on our website via the following link: <https://www.cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk/about/how-we-work/commissioning-policies/>

Please find listed below the current policies in respect of the prescribing of gluten free foods for each of the former CCG areas that now make up NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB:

Cheshire

Please find below links to the prescribing policies for gluten free foods in the former NHS Cheshire CCG area.

Eastern Cheshire / South Cheshire & Vale Royal

<https://www.cheshireformulary.nhs.uk/docs/files/Prescribing%20Commissioning%20Policy%20-%20NHS%20Prescriptions%20for%20Gluten-Free%20Foods%20-%20Feb%202019.pdf?UNLID=9073697692022101215011>

West Cheshire

<https://www.cheshireformulary.nhs.uk/docs/files/Gluten%20Free%20Prescribing%20Policy%20V1.0%20October%202016.pdf?UNLID=13411929520221020125259>

Halton / Warrington

Please find enclosed 'NHS Halton CCG & NHS Warrington CCG Gluten Free Foods Supply on the NHS'.

Knowsley

Gluten free foods currently prescribed in line with the recommendation issued by NHS England in the following document: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/prescribing-gluten-free-foods-primary-care-guidance-for-ccgs.pdf>

Liverpool

Gluten free foods currently prescribed in line with the recommendation issued by NHS England in the following document: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/prescribing-gluten-free-foods-primary-care-guidance-for-ccgs.pdf>

Sefton

Gluten free foods currently prescribed in line with the recommendation issued by NHS England in the following document: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/prescribing-gluten-free-foods-primary-care-guidance-for-ccgs.pdf>

St Helens

Please find enclosed '*NHS St Helens CCG Gluten Free Food Prescribing Policy*'.

Wirral

Please find below a link to NHS Wirral CCG's 'Prescribing Commissioning Policy: Gluten Free Food':
https://mm.wirral.nhs.uk/document_uploads/policies/pol050-wirral-gluten-free-products-prescribing-policy-v21.pdf

Enc: *NHS Halton CCG & NHS Warrington CCG Gluten Free Foods Supply on the NHS NHS St Helens CCG Gluten Free Food Prescribing Policy*