

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

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Question/s to be answered

1. What the health board's current position is on funding homeopathic medicine?

NHS Shetland does not currently fund homeopathic medicines. Homeopathic medicines are not within any treatment pathway in effect within NHS Shetland.

2. Was any discussion or review carried out on funding homeopathic medication by the health board following NHS England's advice in 2017 to primary care settings to not routinely prescribe homeopathic medication due to evidence of low clinical effectiveness?

No.

3. Any papers, minutes, briefings and/or notes of, or relating to, decisions taken by the health board on homeopathic medication since 2017.

None known.

4. If the health board does fund homeopathic medication please detail how this is dispensed

NHS Shetland does not fund homeopathic medication.

5. For the 2021/22 period (or if data is not available for 21/22 for the most recent financial year data you do have available) how much was spent by the health board on homeopathic medication

No spend to report.