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Dear ,

**INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

You asked:

***Does your Trust stock Parkinson's medication in your emergency drug cupboards?***

We no longer have a designated emergency cupboard, but Parkinson's Disease drugs are stocked on certain wards for out-of-hours use.

***If yes, what Parkinson's medication do you stock?***

Summary attached

Drug
ROTIGOTINE 2mg PATCHES
ROTIGOTINE 4mg PATCHES
ROTIGOTINE 8mg PATCHES
PRAMIPEXOLE 0.088mg (0.125mg salt) TABLETS
CO-BENELDOPA (MADOPAR) 25/100 M/R CAPSULES
CO-BENELDOPA 12.5/50 CAPSULES
CO-BENELDOPA 12.5/50 DISPERSIBLE TABLETS
CO-BENELDOPA 25/100 CAPSULES
CO-BENELDOPA 25/100 DISPERSIBLE TABLETS
CO-CARELDOPA (SINEMET CR) 50/200 M/R TABLETS
CO-CARELDOPA 10/100 TABLETS

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***If no, are you planning to introduce Parkinson's medication into your emergency drug cupboards? Yes we will do so when we establish an automated Out of hours system in the next month. This will augment the ward stocks already widely held***

***Does your Trust have guidance on what medications to stock in your emergency drug cupboards? No guidance as such. Our stocks are reviewed regularly by on call team to ensure the stocks reflect current demand and known problems.***

Our on call team would respond to demands for other less used Parkinson's Disease medication if requested and come in to supply

***If yes, does this guidance include any Parkinson's medication?***

We would stock a range of preparations to meet patient need and demand

***Could you provide us with a copy of any guidance the Trust has on stocks of drugs to be held in the emergency drug cupboard?***

We do not have guidance. See above

***Please could you provide details of how stocks of Parkinson's medication in emergency drug cupboards are being monitored across all the hospitals in your Trust?***

Through weekly top-up on wards. If a stock is removed the ward will contact pharmacy for replacement

I hope you find this information useful, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 256335. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



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