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Subject:	Apomorphine
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Requested:

I note that virtually no apomorphine is prescribed in your Health Board, yet I am aware that there is a normal distribution of Parkinson's patients.

1. Does your Health Board not permit the prescribing of apomorphine? If not, can you explain the rationale behind this.
2. I note that hospitals do prescribe apomorphine. Could you confirm if whether there is a pass through or another method for hospitals to pass the costs back to the Health Board? If not, since it is a tariff drug and the hospitals have no other funding method, are you in fact driving inequity or postcode prescribing by preventing the use of apomorphine?

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms there are no restrictions in place on the prescribing of apomorphine. Prescribing decisions are made based on the individual's clinical needs.
2. The UHB confirms it is not aware of any funding restrictions relating to the prescribing of apomorphine.