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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Nitrofurantoin antibiotic oral suspension.

- 1. Nitrofurantoin is the antibiotic 25mg/5ml Oral suspension. Why is it Maidstone hospital pharmacy are not permitted to dispense?*
- 2. On what basis was this decision/policy made?*
- 3. Is there any way in particular clinical cases policy decisions can be challenged or changed?*

There is no Policy to restrict the use of Nitrofurantoin suspension for use in paediatric patients if the patient's urine culture is sensitive to Nitrofurantoin and the child is not able to swallow tablets/capsules.

Where the urine culture is sensitive to more than one antibiotic, then there will be a discussion between the patient's doctor, microbiologist and pharmacy on the most appropriate choice of antibiotic

As a Trust we practice good antimicrobial stewardship, where all our patients are treated with the most appropriate antibiotic including the right formulation