

# Southport and Formby Clinical Commissioning Group

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## Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding urology appliances services within NHS Southport and Formby CCG.

I can confirm the CCG is working with Coloplast for the supply of urology appliances. The arrangement was not put out to tender as the support is provided to the CCG free of charge under an appropriate commercial arrangement, in accordance with the CCGs policies for such arrangements, the arrangement has a term of 3 years from November 2016.

Any future suppliers will ensure patients are offered the choice of where they would like their prescription for the appliance dispensed e.g. dispensing appliance contractor or pharmacy contractor of their choice.

## **The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Appliances) (Amendment) Regulations 2009**

The Department of Health reviewed the arrangements for issuing prescriptions for and dispensing of incontinence and Stoma Appliances and issued *'The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Appliances) (Amendment) Regulations 2009'*, amended in April 2010.

[www.legislation.gov.uk/ukSI/2009/3340/contents/made?view=plain](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukSI/2009/3340/contents/made?view=plain)

The changes follow a long series of public consultations by the Department of Health, the aims of the amendments are:

- to improve the service provided to patients; and
- to harmonise arrangements, so far as possible between pharmacies and dispensing

## **Appliance Contractors (DACs)**

The Department of Health's document: *'An overview of the new arrangements under Part IX of the Drug Tariff for the provision of stoma and urology appliances – and related services – in primary care'* (April 2010) provides an overview of the new arrangements mentioned in the Regulations.

[www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_110492](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_110492)