

Our Ref: DC/NB

30<sup>th</sup> March 2023

To: Prescribing Clinicians and Pharmacists within the Barnsley locality

Dear Colleague

**Re: Summary of Key Points from the Area Prescribing Committee Meetings on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

The main outcomes of the meetings were: -

### **Prescribing Guidelines**

The Committee endorsed the following Barnsley prescribing guidelines:

**Edoxaban is to be used first line for patients with NVAF unless there is a specific clinical reason not to do so [MINOR UPDATE]**

Edoxaban is the first line DOAC for NVAF in line with the [APC Position Statement](#). Following approval at the February meeting, this guidance has since received minor amendments on page 2 with regards to calculating renal function.

The SPS guidance (reference 7 in the previous version of guideline) has since been removed from the SPS website and the information has therefore been updated using PrescQIPP resources. Please note that there is no national guidance or local Barnsley guidance on which weight to use when calculating creatinine clearance using Cockcroft-Gault. Information has been provided from the resources available to help support a clinical decision.

The guidance is available on the BEST website:

[Edoxaban is to be used first line for patients with NVAF unless there is a specific clinical reason not to do so](#)

Prescribing guidelines are available on the BEST website:

<http://best.barnsleyccg.nhs.uk/clinical-support/medicines/prescribing-guidelines/>

The Barnsley Joint Formulary can be accessed at the link below:

<http://www.barnsleyformulary.nhs.uk/>

### **Shared Care Guidelines**

There were no new or updated Shared Care or Amber-G guidelines approved by the Committee this month.

Shared Care and Amber-G guidelines are available on the BEST website:

<http://best.barnsleyccg.nhs.uk/clinical-support/medicines/shared-care-guidelines/>

Prescribers (including secondary care clinicians) are encouraged to report any problems they experience with shared care or other medicines related issues, particularly where guidelines are not being complied with, to the following email address: [BarnsleyAPCReport@nhs.net](mailto:BarnsleyAPCReport@nhs.net).

The Barnsley Interface Issues Form should be used to report such problems:  
<http://www.barnsleyccg.nhs.uk/members-professionals/area-prescribing-committee.htm>

### **Traffic Light Classifications**

The Committee assigned the following classifications to the products included in the table below:

<b>Drug</b>	<b>Formulary Indication</b>	<b>Traffic light status (Drugs with a provisional classification are not currently included on the Barnsley formulary)</b>
<b>SPS New Medicines Newsletter January 2023</b>		
<b>Relugolix 120mg tablet (Orgovyx®)</b>	Treatment of adult patients with advanced hormone sensitive prostate cancer	Non-formulary provisional red
<b>New Product Application</b>		
<b>Semaglutide tablets (Rybelsus®)</b>	Type 2 diabetes mellitus	Formulary Amber-G  The GLP-1 agonist Amber-G guideline will be updated to include semaglutide tablets.  Administration guidance: <i>The tablets should be swallowed whole (not split, crushed or chewed) and taken with a sip of water (up to 120ml) on an empty stomach. Patients should wait at least 30 minutes before eating, drinking or taking other medicines.</i>

### **MHRA Drug Safety Update**

The February 2023 MHRA Drug Safety Updates can be accessed at the following link:  
[Drug Safety Update \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/111422/drug-safety-update-february-2023)

There were no issues relating to primary care this month.

Regards



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