

Our Ref: DC/NB

13th January 2025

To: Prescribing Clinicians and Pharmacists within the Barnsley locality

Dear Colleague

Re: Summary of Key Points from the Barnsley Area Prescribing Committee Meeting on 11th December 2024.

The main outcomes of the meetings were: -

Prescribing Guidelines

‘Barnsley Hospital and Rotherham Adult Antimicrobial Guidelines’ and ‘Barnsley Hospital and Rotherham Paediatric and Neonatal Antimicrobial Guidelines’.

The guidelines are accessible via the link <https://app.eolasmedical.com/>

Please note the user will be required to make an account with 'Eolas' to be able to access the platform. The user will then be required to search for the 'space' Barnsley Hospital NHS FT / The Rotherham NHS FT. Once this 'space' is added to the users account, the guideline should be easily accessible the next time the user logs in.

Holding pages have been added to the BEST website with the above information and are available at the following links:

- [Barnsley Hospital and Rotherham Adult Antimicrobial Guidelines - BEST](#)
- [Barnsley Hospital and Rotherham Paediatric and Neonatal Antimicrobial Guidelines - BEST](#)

Links to the holding pages on BEST are also available in Chapter 5: Infections of the Barnsley Formulary.

IMOC Approved Prescribing Guidelines

The following IMOC approved guidelines were received by the Committee for information:

- Opioid Prescribing Resource in Chronic Non-Cancer Pain – Including Tapering Advice.
- Guidance for Supporting Women with Type 2 Diabetes to Prepare for Pregnancy.
- Algorithm for the Management of Young Adults with Type 2 Diabetes (18-39 years).

The guidelines can be found under the 'South Yorkshire IMOC Guidance documents' section within the IMOC pages of the South Yorkshire ICB website:

[South Yorkshire Integrated Medicines Optimisation Committee :: South Yorkshire I.C.B](#)

A holding page for each guideline has been added to the BEST website together with a link to the South Yorkshire IMOC website:

- [Pain: Opioid Prescribing Resource Including Tapering Advice \(IMOC approved\) - BEST](#)

- [Diabetes: South Yorkshire Guidance for supporting women with type 2 diabetes to prepare for pregnancy \(IMOC Approved\) - BEST](#)
- [Diabetes: South Yorkshire Algorithm for the Management of Young Adults with Type 2 Diabetes \(18-39 years\) \(IMOC Approved\) - BEST](#)

Links to the holding pages on BEST are also available from the Barnsley Formulary under the relevant clinical area.

Amber G / Shared Care Guidelines

There were no Amber G/Shared Care Guidelines approved by the Committee this month.

Accessing Guidelines

Prescribing guidelines, shared care and amber G guidelines can be accessed via the BEST website or the Barnsley formulary:

[Prescribing guidelines - BEST](#)

[Shared care and Amber G guidelines - BEST](#)

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

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

Following the recent change to the BEST platform which resulted in many of the existing links embedded within the formulary and ScriptSwitch to specific guidelines on the BEST website no longer working, work has been progressing to address this. In the interim please notify deborah.cooke@nhs.net or joanne.howlett2@nhs.net if you identify any links within the formulary or ScriptSwitch which are not working. Guidelines can also continue to be accessed via the BEST website directly using the above links.

Healthcare professionals (including primary and secondary care clinicians and community pharmacists) are encouraged to report any medicines related interface issues (examples include shared care, prescribing guideline, formulary or discharge related issues), particularly where guidelines are not being complied with, to the following email address: BarnsleyAPCReport@nhs.net.

Barnsley Formulary Updates

The Committee noted the traffic light classifications recently assigned by the South Yorkshire Integrated Medicines Optimisation Committee (IMOC) and the following formulary positions were agreed by the Committee:

Drug	Formulary Indication	Barnsley Formulary status (including traffic light classification)
Horizon Scanning December IMOC		
Levodopa + carbidopa + entacapone intestinal gel formulation	Treatment of advanced Parkinson’s disease with severe motor fluctuations and hyperkinesia or dyskinesia when available oral combinations of Parkinson medicinal products have not given satisfactory results	Non-formulary red Requires specialist administration. Levodopa + carbidopa + entacapone intestinal gel (Lecigon®) is a gel for continuous intestinal delivery (delivery to the duodenum or upper jejunum). Only pump Crono LECIG (CE 0476) may be used for the administration of Lecigon®. A manual with instructions for using the portable pump is supplied with the pump. Refer to the SPC for further information.
TLDL Sub Group List November IMOC		
Dexcom One +	Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM)	Formulary amber-G South Yorkshire Guidance for CGM in Adults and Children with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes is available on the SY IMOC website under ‘Guidance Documents’. A South Yorkshire CGM supporting guideline which details device options and characteristics is in development.
Freestyle Libre 2+	CGM	Formulary amber-G Barnsley Freestyle Libre Protocols for Adults and Children to be updated to include Freestyle Libre 2+. South Yorkshire Guidance for CGM in Adults and Children with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes is available on the SY IMOC website under ‘Guidance Documents’. A South Yorkshire CGM supporting guideline which details device options and characteristics is in development.

MHRA Drug Safety Update

The November 2024 MHRA Drug Safety Update can be accessed at the following link:

[Drug Safety Update November 2024.pdf](#)

Issues were no issues relating to primary care:

Kind Regards



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