

Herefordshire CCG Low Priority treatment (LPT) Medicines List June 2016

The decisions made in respect of medicines to be included within the Low Priority Treatments Policy have been made on the basis of safety, efficacy and cost-effectiveness of the products described. Source information towards supporting these decisions includes:

- national directions on prescribing arrangements e.g. National Drug Tariff including prescribing of unlicensed medicines and Advisory Committee on Borderline Substances(ACBS);
- Local Countywide Herefordshire Drugs Formulary;
- Items available on FP10 but which are not recommended in Herefordshire to be normally prescribed to patients;
- PrescQipp DROP List – Countrywide organisation which Herefordshire CCG subscribes to and contribute to Medicines Optimisation Support; plus,
- Greater Manchester Medicines Management Group (GMMM) Do not Prescribe and Grey List which includes “NICE Do not do” list.

Medicines/Appliances/ Devices included within the LPT are described within Appendix 1 the most up to date version will be made available on the CCG website www.herefordshireccg.nhs.uk as the definitive reference and will be periodically updated.

App 1 Reference	Source Information	
1	Prescribing Unlicensed Medicines/Substances Not in the Advisory Committee on Borderline Substances (ACBS) List	<p>Herefordshire CCG advises against the prescribing, at National Health Service expense, all products that do not have a UK Product License unless they are included in specific guidance that has been approved by the formulary committee</p> <p>This includes medicines licensed outside of the UK and other preparations including special order medicines (preparations generally not listed in the BNF) unless essential, see local specials guidance.</p> <p>The rationale behind this decision is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are not licensed drugs under the Medicines Act, so there is no approved summary of product characteristics (SPC) for prescribers to consult. (N.B. prescribers are only indemnified by a drug company if there is an SPC and if the drug is used within licensed indications) • Products that do not have a product licence have not undergone the strict criteria laid down by the regulatory authorities to confirm their safety, quality and efficacy • They are often not manufactured to the same high pharmaceutical standards used for licensed medicines to ensure consistency in formulation and potency • Some are classed as ‘food substitutes’ but are not covered by ACBS regulations and do not appear in the current British National Formulary (BNF) or the Drug Tariff • It is felt inappropriate to direct NHS resources towards products that do not have proven

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		<p>efficacy or safety in preference to licensed medicines</p> <p>Practices are advised to review patients receiving prescriptions for these items and consider an alternative licensed preparation if appropriate.</p> <p>Initiation of these products is not recommended. It is important there is equity across the health economy.</p>
2	<p>Items available on NHS FP10 prescription BUT NOT recommended in Herefordshire.</p>	<p>Herefordshire operates a joint primary care secondary care joint drugs formulary to ensure cost effective use of prescribing resources across the health economy. Lines included within this category have been agreed by Herefordshire CCG Governing Body as part of the wider CCG Low Priority Treatments Policy.</p>
3	<p>The PrescQIPP Drop List http://www.prescqipp.info/droplist including</p> <p>Over the Counter (OTC) Medicines/ Products</p>	<p>The PrescQIPP DROP-List (Drugs to Review for Optimised Prescribing) supports Medicines Optimisation principles, which details that "treatments of limited clinical value are not used and medicines no longer required are stopped" and includes greater emphasis on self-care. Although medicines in the DROP-List should not normally be used, in some circumstances prescribing may be considered appropriate.</p> <p>The PrescQIPP website provides an explanation why the medicine is included in the DROP-List, circumstances in which use might be appropriate, suggested alternatives and the indicative savings if the alternative suggested is followed. Herefordshire CCG has signed up to PrescQIPP and will closely monitor use of the DROP List as part of QIPP plans.</p> <p>Included within the DROP list are medicines available over the counter (OTC medicines) from pharmacies where seeking advice on e.g. hay fever/ coughs and colds/ vitamin and mineral supplements and muscle rubs. The pharmacist will be able to also provide self-care advice both with and without the use of medicines for short term conditions. These are often medicines outside the local joint medicines formulary but are available to purchase to allow the patient to obtain self-care advice and any recommended products themselves.</p>
4	<p>Greater Manchester Medicines Management Group (GMMMG) Do not Prescribe and Grey List http://gmmmg.nhs.uk/html/dnp_grey.php</p>	<p>The "Do Not Prescribe" list contains products which have been reviewed by the GM Joint Formulary Group and have been deemed not suitable for prescribing for adults and children in primary or secondary care within Greater Manchester (in addition to all medicines with a "not NHS" or "Drugs of Limited Clinical Value (DLCV)" classification in the BNF and those agents as included within the NICE "Do not do" list). These decisions have been made on the basis of safety, efficacy and cost-effectiveness of the product using agreed criteria.</p>