

The Sheffield Area Prescribing Group TRAFFIC LIGHT DRUGS LIST February 2019

Introduction

The Traffic Light Drug List (TLDL) provides guidance to Sheffield prescribers on prescribing responsibilities for selected medicines. It aims to provide understanding of where clinical and prescribing responsibility rests between specialists and GPs. Each drug is classified under either a black, red, amber or green classification. Some drugs are listed according to their group rather than just by name and for example these include: DMARDs, anti-epileptics and cytokine modulators.

Further details on the classifications are shown below:

BLACK Drugs

Definition

A drug which should not be initiated in Sheffield unless exceptional circumstances apply to the individual concerned and an Individual Funding Request (IFR) has been agreed by NHS Sheffield CCG.

The drug should not be withdrawn from patients already established on treatment but other treatment options should be considered at routine review.

Criteria

1. There is a clear NHS England Specialised Commissioning Group decision to not routinely fund usage of the drug.
2. There is a NICE recommendation that the drug should not be prescribed on the NHS for the condition specified.
3. A drug requiring specific commissioning arrangements to be clarified and put in place before prescribing can take place.
4. A drug in which the APG view of evidence of benefit over existing therapy does not justify routine availability.

RED Drugs

Definition

Prescribing and ongoing supply is normally undertaken by a consultant or other physician within a secondary care service, or by another commissioning arrangement. In some exceptional circumstances and following discussion between primary and secondary care, GPs may consider it to be in the patient's best interest for drugs in the Red section of the traffic light scheme to be prescribed in primary care.

Red traffic light drugs meet one or more of the following criteria:

1. Require specialist assessment to enable patient selection, initiation, ongoing treatment and monitoring of efficacy, toxicity or adverse effects.
2. Specifically designated as “hospital only “either by product licence or by DH
3. Hospital initiated clinical trial materials used in accordance with the trial protocol
4. Not listed in the current BNF or BNF (C).
5. Being used to treat a condition that is not suitable for primary care prescribing because of disease specific requirements, complexity or defined commissioning arrangements.

AMBER Drugs

Definition

Certain drugs that are initiated by a specialist but are suitable for GPs to continue ongoing prescribing. The specialist should provide the GP with necessary information and support in order for treatment to be managed safely in primary care. Shared care protocols (SCP) or prescribing guidelines may be available.

Criteria

1. Requiring specialist assessment to enable patient selection.
2. Requiring a period of monitoring by a specialist.
3. The initial prescription should normally be issued by the specialist unless the agreed SCP states otherwise.

GREEN Drugs

Definition

These are medicines which are appropriate for initiation and ongoing prescribing in primary care. Due to the extensive number of green drugs, not all drugs are listed in the TLDL.

Unlicensed Medicines

There may be occasions when prescribers choose to or are asked to prescribe unlicensed medicines or to prescribe off – label, e.g. amitriptyline for pain, in which case advice can be sought here from the [Medicines Code](#) (Chapter 22)

These references may also be useful:

[GMC Prescribing guidance: Prescribing Unlicensed Medicines](#)

[Hot Topic - Prescribing Unlicensed Medicines](#)

[MHRA Guidance on the Hierarchy for the use of Unlicensed Medicines](#) this provides guidance only and each case should be considered on its individual merit.

For use of medicines in children please refer to:

<https://www.medicinescomplete.com/mc/bnfc/current/>

[Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health](#)

<http://www.medicinesforchildren.org.uk/search-for-a-leaflet/unlicensed-medicines/>

TRAFFIC LIGHT DRUGS LIST

Note: the BNF numbering system is based on the BNF legacy

BNF Section	Drug	Rationale Key: see introduction	Notes
BLACK		A drug which should not be initiated in Sheffield unless exceptional circumstances apply to the individual concerned and an Individual Funding Request (IFR) has been agreed by NHS Sheffield CCG. The drug should not be withdrawn from patients already established on treatment but other treatment options should be considered at routine review.	
Prescribing in Ophthalmology	Antioxidants , e.g. MacuLEH light®, ICaps®, Ocuvite®, PreserVision®, Viteyes®, Vitalux Healthy eyes®, Visonace®, Bio-vision®, Macushield®. Please note brand names included are examples and are not an exhaustive list.	4	Age-related Macular Degeneration (AMD)
8.1.5	Bevacizumab	2	In combination with capecitabine for the first-line treatment of metastatic breast cancer NICE TA263
10.3.2	Capsaicin Patch (Qutenza®)	3	
2.12	Ciprofibrate	4	
	Cod Liver Oil	4	
	Co-enzyme Q10	3	For all indications except Friedreich's ataxia; See Co-enzyme Q10 in red section.
Unlicensed not listed in current BNF	Co-proxamol	4	MHRA advice
10.2.2	Delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol & Cannabidiol (Sativex®)	1	Regional policy to not routinely fund this drug agreed by Yorkshire & Humber SCG
4.3.1	Dosulepin	2	See NICE CG90 . In accordance with NICE guidance, not approved for initiation in new patients diagnosed with depression in any care setting in Sheffield.
	Electronic-Cigarettes	4	Self-care should be encouraged and patients can be referred to the stop smoking service
Prescribing in Ophthalmology	Eye lid cleansing products e.g. Blephaclean®, Systane®	4	Self - help measures for the treatment of blepharitis should be promoted and advice can be found at moorfields.nhs.uk and cks.nice.org.uk/blepharitis

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Prescribing in Diabetes	Freestyle Libre Flash Glucose Monitoring System	4	In children and adults, unless the relevant criteria for prescribing are met, as detailed here . See amber section
	Unlicensed not listed in current BNF Gamolenic acid	4	
Unlicensed not listed in current BNF	Levothyroxine/ Liothyronine combinations e.g. Armour thyroxine, desiccated thyroxine extract	4	Liothyronine / Natural Desiccated Thyroid Extract (NDT) (Armour Thyroid, Nature Thyroid, WP Thyroid, ERFA Thyroid and other brands) – Questions and answers for primary care colleagues in Sheffield CCG
6.2.1	Liothyronine	4	Tablets for long term replacement therapy Liothyronine / Natural Desiccated Thyroid Extract (NDT) (Armour Thyroid, Nature Thyroid, WP Thyroid, ERFA Thyroid and other brands) – Questions and answers for primary care colleagues in Sheffield CCG
4.5	Liraglutide (Saxenda®)	4	As an adjunct to a reduced-calorie diet and increased physical activity. See also liraglutide (Victoza®) in amber section.
4.2.1	Loxapine	3	NICE TA286 (terminated appraisal)
4.1.1	Unlicensed Melatonin	4	All melatonin preparations. For exceptions see amber and green sections of TLDL and the Melatonin in treatment of Sleep Disorders in Children SCP
4.4	Modafinil	3	For new patients prescribed modafinil for unlicensed indications other than those approved by Medicines Safety Committee, STHFT (see red section). See amber section for licensed use in narcolepsy.
2.12	Naltrexone 8mg/bupropion 90mg (Mysimba®)	2	NICE TA494 does not recommend
	Omega -3- Fatty Acid capsules (e.g Omacor®, Prestylon®, Nebbaro® and Maxepa®)	2	For the primary and secondary prevention of cardiovascular events NICE CG 172 See also Amber section for hypertriglyceridaemia indication.
Prescribing in Cardiology	RESPeRATE®	3	
8.1.5	Ruxolitinib	2	NICE TA289
4.1.1	Sodium Oxybate	3	In adults, not previously treated with sodium oxybate for narcolepsy with cataplexy. See red section for children and for adults who have transitioned from children's to adult services and have already been prescribed this drug for narcolepsy.
4.7.2	Tapentadol	3	

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14.4	Varicella – Zoster vaccine (Zostavax®)	3	For routine vaccination against herpes zoster (shingles) other than in accordance with the national programme for vaccinating those aged 70 to 79 years.
8.1.4	Vinflunine	2	NICE TA272
9.6.2	Vitamin B Compound	4	Thiamine should be used for patients at high risk of developing Wernicke's encephalopathy

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RED		Prescribing and ongoing supply is normally undertaken by a consultant or other physician within a secondary care service. In some exceptional circumstances and following discussion between primary and secondary care, GPs may consider it to be in the patient's best interest for drugs in the Red section of the traffic light scheme to be prescribed in primary care.	
8.3.4	Abiraterone	1	NHSE commissioned NICE TA 259
4.3.4	Agomelatine	1	SHSC have also stated that they would not be routinely initiating prescriptions
2.12	Alirocumab	1	NICE TA 393
2.5.1	Ambrisentan	1, 5	Patients treated for Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension
9.1.4	Anagrelide	1	
5.3.1	Anti-Retrovirals	1, 5	NHSE commissioned
5.3.3.2	Anti-Virals for hepatitis C	1, 5	http://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2015/06/hep-c-cirrhosis-polcy-statmnt-0615.pdf NICE TA 331 NICE TA 330 NICE TA 253 NICE TA 252 NICE TA 300
13.5.3	Apremilast	1, 5	NICE TA 419 NICE TA 433
4.2.3	Asenapine	1	SHSC have also stated that they would not be routinely initiating prescriptions
10.1.3	Azathioprine	1, 5	When no agreed SCP available.
10.1.3	Baricitinib	1, 5	NICE TA 466
8.2.4	Beta Interferon	1, 5	
2.5.1	Bosentan	1, 5	Patients treated for Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension
1.5.2	Budesonide 1mg Orodispersible	1	

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4.10.2	Bupropion Hydrochloride	5	Clients over 12 years and non-pregnant women should be signposted to the commissioned Stop Smoking service http://sheffield.yorkshiresmokefree.nhs.uk/
8.2.1	Ciclosporin	1	Unless disease specific shared care arrangement in place. Regular monitoring required. See: Common blood monitoring
9.5.1.2	Cinacalcet	1, 5	To be prescribed by renal services, specialised commissioning.
8.1.3	Cladribine	1, 5	For relapsing, remitting multiple sclerosis NICE TA493
4.2.1	Clozapine	1	Patients must be registered with the appropriate clozapine monitoring service. Prescribing physicians must also register themselves and a nominated pharmacist with the monitoring service.
	Co-enzyme Q10	1, 4	For Friedreich's ataxia only ; See Co-enzyme Q10 in black section
5.1.7	Colistimethate sodium (colistin sulfomethate sodium)	5	Specialised commissioning. To be prescribed by cystic fibrosis services. See also Amber section for non-cystic fibrosis bronchiectasis indication.
10.1.3	Cytokine Modulators	1, 5	See also apremilast in red section
6.6.2	Denosumab 120mg injection (Xgeva®)	1	See Denosumab (Prolia®) 60mg/ml injection in amber section.
8.2.4	Dimethyl fumarate	1, 5	NICE TA 320
8.2.4	Dimethyl fumarate (Tecfidera®)	1, 5	For relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis NICE TA 320
8.2.4	Dimethyl fumarate (Skilarence®)	1, 5	For moderate to severe plaque psoriasis in adults in need of systemic medicinal therapy. NICE TA 475
10.1.3	DMARDs	1, 5	Unless listed under amber

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3.7	Dornase Alfa	5	Specialised commissioning. To be prescribed by cystic fibrosis services.
2.3.2	Dronedarone	1	
13.10	Eflornithine	1	Unless prescribed under Shared Care Protocol April 2013 (see AMBER section).
9.1.4	Eltrombopag	1	NICE TA 293
8.3.4	Enzalutamide	1, 5	NHSE commissioned NICE TA316
7.4.5	Erectile dysfunction drugs	1, 2	GPs are not to prescribe for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patients with Severe Distress (detailed in HSC 1999/177). Note: this does not apply to sildenafil prescribed generically. See also erectile dysfunction drugs in green section and alprostadil in amber section.
9.1.3	Erythropoietins	1, 5	Renal Anaemia, specialised commissioning.
7.3.1	Estradiol with Dienogest (Qlaira®)	1	For use within the Sheffield Contraception & Sexual Health Service.
2.12	Evolocumab	1	NICE TA 394
Prescribing in Epilepsy	Felbamate	1, 4	
5.1.7	Fidaxomicin	1, 4	
8.2.4	Fingolimod	1	NICE TA 254
11.4.1	Fluocinolone acetonide intravitreal implant	1, 5	NICE TA 301
8.3.4.1	Fulvestrant	1, 5	
8.2.4	Glatiramer	1, 5	NHSE commissioned
2.5.1	Iloprost	1, 5	Patients treated for Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension
13.7	Imiquimod	1	

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6.1.1.3	InsuJet and Injex - needle free devices for delivering insulin	1	
3.7	Ivacaftor	1, 4	Specialised commissioning arrangement.
Prescribing in Palliative Care	Ketamine	1	To be prescribed by Palliative Care Team.
9.5.2.2	Lanthanum	1, 5	To be prescribed by renal services; specialised commissioning.
8.2.4	Lenalidomide	1	
2.12	Lomitapide	1, 5	
2.8.1	Heparins – Low Molecular Weight	1	Unless shared care guideline available
2.5.1	Macitentan	1, 5	Patients treated for Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension
4.10.3	Methadone	1, 5	As opioid substitution therapy. Sheffield Opiate Service: http://shsc.nhs.uk/service/sheffield-opiates-service/
Prescribing in Epilepsy	Methsuximide	1, 4	
Prescribing in Ventricular arrhythmias	Mexiletine	1, 4	
4.4	Modafinil	1, 5	For new patients prescribed modafinil for unlicensed indications, approved by Medicines Safety Committee, STHFT, as listed in the Modafinil SCP . See black section for other unlicensed indications and amber section for licensed use in narcolepsy.
8.2.1	Mycophenolate	1, 3	Specialised commissioning; to be prescribed by specialist services for transplant recipients. See also amber section, under DMARDs.
4.10.1	Nalmefene	1, 5	NICE TA 325 Sheffield Alcohol Service: https://shsc.nhs.uk/service/sheffield-alcohol-services/
Prescribing in opioid induced constipation	Naloxegol	1	NICE TA 345 –See also amber section for palliative care, acute pain and colorectal surgery patients only.
4.10.2	Nicotine	5	Clients over 12 years and non-pregnant women should be signposted to the commissioned Stop Smoking service http://sheffield.yorkshiresmokefree.nhs.uk/

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14.5.1	Normal Immunoglobulins	1, 2	DH guidance Immunoglobulin : home therapy booklet for GPs
	Obeticholic acid	1, 5	NICE TA 443
4.2.2	Depot olanzapine	1	SHSC have stated that they would not be routinely initiating prescriptions.
4.6	Ondansetron	1	Not normally indicated for primary care use For unlicensed use in palliative care, see palliative care formulary here
8.1	Oral Anticancer Drugs	1, 5	Should not be prescribed in primary care as an oral anticancer medication, in line with NPSA Alert . Exceptions include oral anti cancer medicines where a shared care protocol exists.
13.5.1 13.5.2 13.6.2	Oral Retinoids	1	
4.2.1	Paliperidone	1	SHSC have stated that they would not be routinely initiating prescriptions.
2.5.1	Phosphodiesterase type-5 inhibitors (vasodilator antihypertensives)	5	Patients treated for Raynaud's Syndrome and Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension
3.11	Pirfenidone	1, 5	NICE TA 504
5.2.1	Posaconazole	1, 5	NHSE commissioned
4.2.1	Quetiapine modified release	1	SHSC have stated that they would not be routinely initiating prescriptions.
4.3.4	Reboxetine	1	SHSC have stated that they would not be routinely initiating prescriptions
2.4.4	Riociguat	1, 5	NHSE commissioned
9.5.2.2	Sevelamer (Renagel®)	1, 5	To be prescribed by renal services, specialised commissioning.
8.1.1	Sirolimus	1, 5	NHSE commissioned

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4.1.1	Sodium Oxybate	1, 5	For children (NHSE commissioned) and for adults who have transitioned from children's to adult services and have already been prescribed this drug for narcolepsy. See also Black section of TLDL
4.10.3	Suboxone®	1, 5	As opioid substitution therapy. Sheffield Opiate Service: http://shsc.nhs.uk/service/sheffield-opiates-service/
8.2.2	Tacrolimus (oral)	1	See AMBER section for topical tacrolimus.
8.2.4	Teriflunomide	1, 5	NICE TA 303 NHSE commissioned
8.2.4	Thalidomide	1	
3.7	Tobramycin	5	Specialised commissioning. To be prescribed by cystic fibrosis services. See Amber section for non-cystic fibrosis bronchiectasis indication.
10.1.3	Tofacitinib	1, 5	NICE TA 480
4.9.1	Tolcapone	1, 5	NHSE commissioned
6.5.2	Tolvaptan	1, 5	NICE TA 358 SIADH Tolvaptan in the Syndrome of Inappropriate Anti-diuretic Hormone.
Unlicensed not listed in current BNF	Treprostinil	1, 5	Patients treated for Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension
5.6.5	Valganciclovir	1, 5	NHSE commissioned
4.10.2	Varenicline	5	Clients over 12 years and non-pregnant women should be signposted to the commissioned Stop Smoking service http://sheffield.yorkshiresmokefree.nhs.uk/
1.5.3	Vedolizumab	1, 5	NICE TA 352 NICE TA 342
5.2.1	Voriconazole	1, 5	NHSE commissioned

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AMBER		Drugs which should normally be initiated by a specialist, but for which GPs may agree to continue ongoing prescribing. The specialist to provide the GP with necessary information and support in order for treatment to be managed safely in primary care. Shared care protocols (SCP) or treatment guidelines may be available.	
4.11	Acetylcholinesterase Inhibitors (Cognitive Enhancers)	1, 2, 3	Dementia SCP
7.4.5	Alprostadil	1	Vitaros® is the brand name of topical application of alprostadil. See also erectile dysfunction drugs in red and green sections.
2.3.2	Amiodarone	1, 2, 3	Amiodarone SCG
4.8.1	Antiepileptics	1	Epilepsy in Adults SCP Epilepsy in Children SCP See: NICE CG137
4.2.1	Antipsychotics	1, 2	This includes depot antipsychotics. Specialist to initiate and stabilise dose.
4.9.1	Apomorphine	1	Parkinson's Disease SCP
4.4	Atomoxetine	1, 2	ADHD in Children and Adolescents SCP ADHD in Adults SCP
8.3.4.2	Bicalutamide	1, 2	Hormonal Management of Prostatic Cancer SCP
13.6.3	Brimonidine tartrate (Mirvaso®)	1	For management of rosacea. See Drug Safety Alerts on risk of exacerbation of rosacea MHRA and of systemic cardiovascular effects MHRA

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11.4.2	Ciclosporin eye drops	1	NICE TA 369
5.1.7	Colistimethate sodium (colistin sulfomethate sodium) (Colomycin®)	1,2,3	For non-cystic fibrosis bronchiectasis. Prescribe as Colomycin® brand. See SCG . See Red section for cystic fibrosis
8.3.4.2	Cyproterone acetate	1, 2	Hormonal Management of Prostatic Cancer SCP
2.8.1	Dalteparin	1, 2, 3	Dalteparin SCG
7.4.6	Dapoxetine	1, 2	To be prescribed only when all the criteria specified in the SPC are met. A maximum supply of 6 tabs per month is advised by the Sheffield APG.
8.3.4.2	Degarelix	1, 2	Degarelix is a gonadotrophin-releasing hormone antagonist but also see: LHRH Analogues – in amber section Hormonal Management of Prostatic Cancer SCG
6.6.2	Denosumab (Prolia®) 60mg/ml	1, 2, 3	Denosumab SCP Note: Denosumab 120mg vial (Xgeva®) is NOT included in the Shared Care protocol
10.1.3 8.2.1	DMARDs	1, 2, 3	Methotrexate SCG Azathioprine SCG Hydroxychloroquine Prescribing in Adults SCG Leflunomide SCG Sodium Aurothiomalate (Gold) SCG Sulfasalazine SCG Mycophenolate Mofetil SCG See also mercaptopurine below
4.9.1	Dopamine agonists	1	Parkinson's Disease SCP
4.10	Drugs used in the treatment of opiate dependence (Naltrexone/ Lofexidine)	1, 2	If advice available from specialist services, and prescribed in accordance with national treatment guidelines – otherwise RED. Local guidelines available for GPs who agree to prescribe.

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6.1.2.3	Dulaglutide	1	
13.10	Eflornithine	1, 2	Only when prescribed under Eflornithine SCP
8.3.4.1	Endocrine Management of Breast Cancer	1, 2	Treatment: specialist to initiate and stabilise dose and then recommend GP take on prescribing for a specified duration. For advice on drug management see: http://www.yhscn.nhs.uk/media/PDFs/cancer/Breast%20docs/NEW%20NTBreast%20NSSG%20Guidelines%20revision%20Aug%2012%20REC%20FINAL%20FINAL.pdf Family history of breast cancer: Tamoxifen: Breast cancer chemoprevention guidance - see also section on ibandronic acid
9.4.2	Enteral Feeding Solutions	1	When dietetic advice is provided.
2.5.5.2	Entresto® (sacubitril valsartan)	1, 2, 3	NICE TA 388 - ONLY to be transferred to a GP when patient has been up titrated and on a stable, optimal dose.
2.2.4	Eplerenone	1	For patients intolerant of spironolactone due to gynaecomastia.
7.3.1	Ethinylestradiol with Etonogestrel vaginal ring (NuvaRing®)	1	
6.1.2.3	Exenatide	1	
Prescribing in Diabetes	Freestyle Libre Flash Glucose Monitoring System	1, 2, 3	In children: Hospital clinicians will prescribe for the first month after which GPs will be requested to prescribe. In adults: Hospital clinicians will prescribe for the first 12 months after which GPs will be requested to prescribe. For full details on initiation, monitoring and stopping criteria of Freestyle Libre, see: here .
6.5.1	Growth Hormone	1, 2	Shared Care Guideline For The treatment of Adults with Growth Hormone (Somatropin) Updated NICE guidance for children NICE TA188

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8.1.5	Hydroxycarbamide	1, 2	Prescribed on a limited basis by GP practices in close collaboration with haematologists. Specific indications for use are detailed in the Hydroxycarbamide SCP
6.6.2	Ibandronic acid	1	Ibandronic acid in post menopausal women with breast cancer – unlicensed indication. See also endocrine management of breast cancer. Note: use only ibandronic acid 50 mg tablets
6.1.1	Insulin degludec	1, 2, 3	For use in restricted patient populations. Please take care with the strength of insulin degludec, see: MHRA guidance . Also see amber section for Xultophy®
6.3.1	Insulin glargine 300u/ml injection (Toujeo®)	1	Please prescribe by brand and take care with the strength of insulin see: MHRA advice
2.6.3	Ivabradine	1	NICE CG126 Stable angina NICE TA267 Ivabradine for treating chronic heart failure
8.3.4.2	LHRH Analogues – Goserelin, Leuprorelin, Triptorelin Acetate 11.25mg, Triptorelin Pamoate 22.5mg	1, 2	Hormonal Management of Prostatic Cancer SCP NB see also goserelin in endocrine management of breast cancer.
6.1.2	Liraglutide (Victoza®)	1	See NG28 See also liraglutide (Saxenda ®) in black section
4.4	Lisdexamfetamine	1, 2, 3	ADHD in Children and Adolescents SCP Updated NICE guidance: NICE TA98
4.2.3	Lithium	1, 2	Bipolar Disorder SCG
6.1.2.3	Lixisenatide	1	
4.1.1	Melatonin (Circadin 2mg MR tablets and 5mg/5ml oral solution only – in children)	1, 2	Melatonin in treatment of Sleep Disorders in Children SCP

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4.11	Memantine	1, 2, 3	Dementia SCG
8.1.3	Mercaptopurine	1, 2, 3	Should not be prescribed in primary care as an oral anticancer medication. Should only be prescribed for inflammatory bowel disease following agreement with a local specialist- Mercaptopurine SCP
4.4	Methylphenidate	1, 2	ADHD in Children and Adolescents SCP Updated NICE guidance: NICE TA98
2.7.2	Midodrine	1, 2, 3	Midodrine Prescribing Guideline
4.4	Modafinil	1, 2	Only for licensed use in narcolepsy Modafinil SCP (September 2013). See red section for unlicensed indications approved by Medicines Safety Committee STHFT listed in the SCP, and black section for other unlicensed indications.
Prescribing in opioid induced constipation	Naloxegol	1	NICE TA 345 – for palliative care, acute pain and colorectal surgery patients only. For all other indications: Red
2.12	Omega -3- Fatty Acid capsules (e.g.Omacor®, Prestylon®, Nebbaro® and Maxepa®)	1	For hypertriglyceridaemia to prevent acute pancreatitis. See Black section for the primary and secondary prevention of cardiovascular events
2.8.2	Pentosan polysulfate	1	
13.5.3	Pimecrolimus	1, 2	Topical Tacrolimus and Pimecrolimus For Eczema SCP
2.9	Prasugrel	1	NICE TA317
4.7.3	Pregabalin	1	Neuropathic Pain – Primary Care Pharmacological Management
1.6.7	Prucalopride	1, 2	See prescribing guidance to support specialist initiation and ongoing prescribing in primary care.

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2.6.3	Ranolazine	1	Cardiologist initiation in line with NICE CG126
4.9.1	Rasagiline	1	Parkinson's Disease SCP
A2.4.2 Vitamin and mineral supplements	Renavit®	1	Dietary management of water soluble vitamin deficiency in renal patients receiving dialysis.
5.1.7	Rifaximin (Targaxan®)	1, 2, 3	For preventing episodes of overt hepatic encephalopathy. NICE TA337 Rifaximin guideline
4.9.3	Riluzole	1, 2, 3	Riluzole SCG
3.3.3	Roflumilast	1	NICE TA461
4.9.1	Rotigotine	1	Parkinson's Disease SCP
8.3.4.3	Somatostatins (including long acting formulations)	1, 2, 3	Acromegaly SCP Specialist to initiate and stabilise dose.
6.6.2	Strontium Ranelate	1	
13.5.3	Tacrolimus (topical)	1, 2	Topical Tacrolimus and Pimecrolimus For Eczema SCP
2.9	Ticagrelor	1	NICE TA236 NICE TA 420
10.2.2	Tizanidine	1, 2, 3	Specialist prescribing for first 4 months.
3.7	Tobramycin	1,2,3	For non-cystic fibrosis bronchiectasis. See SCG . See Red section for cystic fibrosis
6.4.1.2	Ulipristal acetate 5 mg (Esmya®)	1	For the pre-operative treatment of uterine fibroids. See MHRA alert / SPC for monitoring of LFTs. Note: ulipristal acetate 30mg (ellaOne®) for emergency contraception is a Sheffield Formulary product

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4.3.4	Venlafaxine at doses of 300 mg daily or above	1, 2, 3	Higher doses of venlafaxine have greater potential to exacerbate cardiac arrhythmias and hypertension. See also venlafaxine in green section
6.1.1.	Xultophy® (insulin degludec 100 unit per 1 ml , liraglutide 3.6mg per 1 ml)	1, 2, 3	Also see amber section: insulin degludec

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GREEN		These are medicines which are appropriate for initiation and ongoing prescribing in primary care. Due to the extensive number of green drugs, not all drugs are listed in the TLDL.
4.10	Acamprosate	Local guidelines in place.
2.8.2	Apixaban	<p>NICE TA275 Prevention of stroke and systemic embolism in people with nonvalvular atrial fibrillation. See also: Local guidelines for the prevention of stroke in non-valvular atrial fibrillation</p> <p>NICE TA 341 For the treatment and secondary prevention of deep vein thrombosis and/or pulmonary embolism. Note: treatment of DVT and PE will be initiated in secondary care.</p> <p>NICE TA245 For prevention of venous thromboembolism after total hip and knee replacement in adults. Note: full course to be provided by secondary care.</p>
2.8.2	Dabigatran etexilate	<p>NICE TA 249 For the prevention of stroke and systemic embolism in atrial fibrillation See also: Local guidelines for the prevention of stroke in non-valvular atrial fibrillation</p> <p>NICE TA 327 For the treatment and secondary prevention of deep vein thrombosis and/or pulmonary embolism. Note: treatment of DVT and PE will be initiated in secondary care.</p> <p>NICE TA 157 For the prevention of venous thromboembolism after hip or knee replacement surgery in adults. Note: full course to be provided by secondary care.</p>
2.8.2	Edoxaban	<p>NICE TA 354 Edoxaban for treating and for preventing deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism Note: treatment of DVT and PE will be initiated in secondary care.</p> <p>NICE TA 355 Edoxaban for preventing stroke and systemic embolism in people with non-valvular atrial fibrillation See also: Local guidelines for the prevention of stroke in non-valvular atrial fibrillation</p>

BNF Section	Drug	Notes
7.4.5	Erectile dysfunction drugs	GPs may prescribe as an NHS treatment according to the SLS criteria (see HSC 1999/148), otherwise RED. N.B. SLS criteria do not apply for sildenafil prescribed generically; see local guidance . See also alprostadil in amber section and red section for patients with severe distress.
10.1.4	Febuxostat	If prescribed in line with NICE guidance (TA164) for patients intolerant to allopurinol
13.8.1	5-Fluorouracil cream 5% (Efudix®)	Actinic keratosis. See pathway
13.8.1	Ingenol mebutate gel (Picato®)	Actinic keratosis. See pathway
1.6.7	Linaclotide	As a third line treatment for moderate to severe irritable bowel syndrome with constipation in adults. See local guidelines
4.1.1	Melatonin (Circadin 2mg MR tablets– in adults)	For licensed indication.
7.4.2	Mirabegron	For use in those aged 18 years and over, in line with NICE TA290 for treating the symptoms of overactive bladder only where antimuscarinic drugs are contraindicated or clinically ineffective, or have unacceptable side effects.
2.8.2	Rivaroxaban	NICE TA 256 For the prevention of stroke and systemic embolism in people with atrial fibrillation Also see: Local guidelines for the prevention of stroke in non-valvular atrial fibrillation NICE TA261 , NICE TA287 For the treatment of deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism and prevention of recurrent venous embolism. Note: treatment of DVT and PE will be initiated in secondary care. NICE TA170 Prophylaxis of venous thromboembolism following hip and knee replacement surgery. Note: full course to be provided by secondary care. NICE TA 335 Preventing adverse outcomes after acute management of acute coronary syndrome (ACS). See also local guidelines . Note: treatment will be initiated in secondary care.
5.2.1	Venlafaxine modified and immediate release	SHSC have stated that they would not be routinely initiating prescriptions for modified release preparations. For total daily doses of 300mg or above see Amber section
4.3.4	Vortioxetine	NICE TA 367