[Drug name] for [indication]

RED - specialist prescribing

AMBER RETAINED - specialist initiation and stabilisation with occasional input to support non-specialist prescribing

# AMBER INITIATED - specialist initiation and stabilisation before non-specialist prescribing

# AMBER RECOMMENDED - specialist assessment and recommendation for non-specialist prescribing

GREEN - non-specialist or specialist initiation and prescribing

BLACK - do not prescribe

GREY - do not prescribe before evaluation

## Recommendations

In the style of NICE: “The Cheshire and Merseyside Area Prescribing Group recommend some drug as an option for some indication under some circumstances.”

## Prescribing information

Dose regimen and monitoring advice.

## Patient factors

Specify particular patient groups which may require dose adjustment or monitoring.

## Implementation notes

Arrangements for prescribing and monitoring.

Specify specialist responsibilities and non-specialist responsibilities for amber drugs.

## Safety

Include contraindications, significant warnings and cautions, and frequent side-effects. If there are too many then generalise and refer to SPC.

## Cost

Calculate one year cost, i.e., 365 days unless not appropriate.

Source cost information using the latest edition of the electronic Drug Tariff as a first choice.

Always quote costs without adding VAT.

Expected patient numbers per 100,000 population.

Costing information - top-line information, e.g., change in drug cost per 100,000 population, change in activity cost per 100,000 population.

## Related guidance

Include if relevant.

Reference any available NICE guidance and relevant local guidance on the same subject matter. Add them as hyperlinks or ask for hyperlinks to be inserted in final version. When quoting NICE guidance refer to the NG number and the date published.

## Effectiveness

Evidence summary and mechanism of action.

If it’s a NICE TA, use evidence summary from TA.

## References

1. First reference
2. Second reference

Patients who are not eligible for treatment under this policy may still be considered for treatment on an individual basis where their GP or consultant believes exceptional circumstances exist that warrant deviation from the rule of this policy. Follow the locally defined process.