

## Position statement

### Prescribing request from out-of-area specialists to Lancashire GPs where there is an inconsistency with the recommended local and out-of-area colour classification

#### Recommendation:

**If an out-of-area specialist requests that a Lancashire GP prescribe an item for which there is no Lancashire position, the following course of action should be taken:**

- a. Secondary care specialists should be directed to apply to the LMMG requesting a review of the medicine or device – **to be submitted by the specialist recommending the medicine or device.**
- b. Requests from a tertiary service should be considered individually following a request to the specialist for additional information or evidence (if applicable). The local medicines optimisation teams should be contacted for further advice in each case.

**Please note:** if prescribing has already commenced this **must** be retained by the specialist, at their own departmental cost, until the outcome of the LMMG application is available.

#### **If an out-of-area specialist request GP prescribing and the Lancashire position is Black:**

Not recommended or commissioned in Lancashire and South Cumbria. Therefore, refer the patient back to out-of-area provider trust to recommend an alternative drug. Specialist to consider IFR if genuine exceptionality.

#### **If an out-of-area specialist request GP prescribing and the Lancashire position is Grey:**

- c. Not recommended or commissioned in Lancashire and South Cumbria. Therefore, refer the patient back to out-of-area provider trust to recommend an alternative drug. Specialist to consider IFR if genuine exceptionality.

Please note: If classified as 'Grey – not prioritised' the secondary care specialists should be directed to apply to the LMMG requesting a review of the medicine or device – **to be submitted by the specialist recommending the medicine or device.**

#### **If an out-of-area specialist request GP prescribing and the Lancashire position is Red:**

- d. Prescribing responsibility rests with the specialist. Therefore, the patient should be referred back to the provider trust for on-going prescribing.

#### **If an out-of-area specialist request GP prescribing and the Lancashire position is Amber 1 or 2:**

- e. The GP can consider accepting on-going prescribing as per the LMMG shared-care agreement. The out-of-area specialist must initiate and stabilise the patient according to the criteria specified in the LMMG SCG.

**Please note:** a shared-care agreement is not required if the Lancashire RAG rating is 'Green' or 'Amber 0'.

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