

Position Statement

Prescribing of Medical Camouflaging Products

Recommendation:

Medical camouflaging products **must only** be initiated by a healthcare professional that specialises in skin colour matching and appropriate application techniques – **RAG status Amber0**

Please note: these products must only be continued in primary care if the patient's GP believes issuing such a prescription will continue to significantly reduce the impact of the patient's medical condition.

Background

Disfiguring marks such as scars, birthmarks and the depigmented patches in vitiligo can have a significant impact on a patient's health and wellbeing. Camouflage agents can be very effective in concealing disfiguring marks and reducing the associated impact in individual patients.

Current provision of camouflaging products

According to ePACT data for the year to February 2019, the annual total spend for camouflaging products on FP10 prescription was approximately £52,000 across Lancashire and South Cumbria. Based on the number of items and the number of patients dispensed camouflaging products and assuming that each patient requires a cream and fixing powder on each prescription, patients require repeat supplies approximately every 6 months. Camouflaging agents should therefore be prescribed as an acute medicine rather than being added to a patient's repeat medicines.

Availability of camouflaging products

A number of camouflaging products are available to be prescribed on NHS prescription or purchased via community pharmacies or online. However, many camouflage creams and powders **are not reimbursed** on NHS prescription. **These products include:**

- Covermark Removing cream.
- Vichy Dermablend Chromatone Fade Crème Plus, Cleanser/Remover, Maximum Moisturiser, Quick Fix Concealment Stick.
- Dermacolor Body Cover, Cleansing Cream, Cleansing Lotion, Cleansing Milk, 6 Colour Palette, Crème Effective No. 2, Fixier Spray, Skin Plastic.

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