



Doncaster Place and Bassetlaw Place Medicines Optimisation Bulletin

April 2024

Traffic Light Status (TLS) additions and changes

TLS Integrated medicines Optimisation Committee (IMOC) List April 2024 Please Note: TLS status finalised at IMOC all items are classified as non-Formulary unless stated otherwise.

- ALERT – There are now TWO TLS STATUS OF AZATHIOPRINE :
 - Azathioprine **AMBER 1,2ab** for 25mg and 50mg Tablets, in line with current shared care protocols.
 - Azathioprine **GREY 3** for 75mg & 100mg strengths which should not be prescribed due to safety concerns.
- Antimalarials are classified as Grey 2 for Prophylaxis treatment of malaria for more information [click this link](#)
- For a full list of items that were classified in April click this link below:

[TLS IMOC April 2024](#)

Useful hyperlinks for medicines Optimisation (MO)

To open Press control and click the link below

[IMOC Webpage](#)

[Doncaster Place Website](#)

[MPD](#)

Seasonal Update

Hay fever season will be upon us soon and we would like to remind prescribers for short term conditions patient should be advised to buy OTC for self-care. For the position statement on the prescribing of treatment for hay fever / seasonal rhinitis [click this link](#).

Travel vaccine guidance

Only the following vaccinations can be prescribed on the NHS exclusively for the purposes of travel:

1. polio (given as a combined diphtheria/tetanus/polio vaccine)
2. typhoid
3. hepatitis A
4. Cholera

More information can be found on [this link](#)

Eclipse Live Update

The Eclipse Live roll out is going well with 21 practices currently signed up and 18 have gone live. We have a 3 further practices waiting to go live.

If you still have not signed up to Eclipse Live and would like to download a contract you can find it by [clicking this link](#)

There are currently training sessions ongoing for live practices and these are going well. If you have not yet gone live, we will be organising further training sessions in the coming weeks and will invite live practices via MS Teams.

We have received a testimonial from Louise Patterson Clinical Pharmacist, Primary Care Doncaster who works at Scott Practice. She said:-

'We have been using Eclipse for the last couple of weeks and have started reviewing the alerts. So far, we have been really impressed by how easy it is to use, the visual aesthetics make it really easy to see what needs dealing with and the prioritisation is very helpful. The ability to add review notes, so it is clear what the plan of action is really helpful to myself but also to others using the system. Some of the items may not routinely have been picked up as significant by GPs so this has been helpful in highlighting anomalies. Very keen to continue using.'

New and updated Guidance Documents

Local **Ocular Lubricant Guidance** has been updated for the treatment of mild, moderate to severe and more severe dry eye conditions. For short-term conditions patients should be advised to purchase over the counter products(OTC) for long-term conditions. The guidance contains first line choice products and advice and self-care tips on the management of dry eyes.

To access the new guidance document : [Click here](#)

Lipid optimisation for the secondary prevention of cardiovascular disease in adults

This document has been reviewed by Doncaster & Bassetlaw PMOC and Updated to reflect NICE Target LDL/non-HDL levels.

To access the updated version on the Medicines Management website : [Click here](#)

Pre-emptive Prescribing for the Last Days of Life

This document has been amended to a review date of October 2024, and has been amended on the website. Please carry on using this document until the SY ICB-wide guidance currently in development has been approved.

To find the current guidance on the Medicines Management website : [click here](#)



Top Tips for Prescribers -Did you Know?

1. Phenergan® 25mg tablets are more cost effective than the generic promethazine hydrochloride 25mg tablets. Open prescribing information can be [found here](#)
2. Luforbec® inhaler is more cost effective than Fostair® inhaler and is first line choice on the local formulary for asthma. Follow [this link](#) to the MPD.
3. Paracetamol and tramadol combination- Should not routinely be prescribed in primary care in line with national guidance. [Click here](#) for more information.
4. Prolonged-release Doxazosin costs SIX times more than doxazosin immediate release. Use doxazosin rather than Doxazosin prolonged release. For more information [click here](#).
5. Oxycodone and naloxone combination product (Targinact®)- should not routinely be prescribed in primary care. Follow [this link](#) to the MPD

New Pharmacy First materials aimed at GPs, Service case study : Optical referral for Hypertension Case-Finding Service pilot

Community pharmacies and optical practices in Humber and North Yorkshire are working together to identify patients suitable for the Hypertension Case-Finding Service in a pilot which has recently been commissioned for another year (until 31st March 2025).

Across the two areas, so far, 126 community pharmacies and 36 optical practices have participated in the pilot, where opticians can refer patients that have been identified with raised blood pressure to a community pharmacy for the Hypertension Case-Finding Service.

To Read more about the case study [Click Here](#)

OptimiseRx Update April 2024

- In March 2024 the acceptance rate of optimise messages increased across Doncaster Place, with a total saving of £27,867 and a further £30,000 in cost avoidance.
- It is important to remember that Optimise Messages are not always about cost and also include some very important 'Best Practice' and 'Safety' messages.
- They are regularly added, removed and updated; For example, the recent MHRA Safety Update regarding Acenocoumarol/Warfarin and tramadol, concomitant use is not recommended. Optimise has presented the message below 22 times since being enabled in January 2024, where concomitant use could have occurred, avoiding the increased risk of bleeding highlighted in the alert.

MHRA Safety Updates

Sodium chloride 0.9% solution - urgent product recall -
For more information [Click here](#)

Shortage of salbutamol 2.5mg/2.5ml and 5mg/2.5ml nebuliser liquid unit dose vials

Salbutamol 2.5mg/2.5ml nebulisers will be in limited supply from mid-April until late June 2024. Salbutamol 5mg/2.5ml nebulisers will remain available, however, cannot support an increase in demand.

**For the latest Out of Stock information
Refer to your regular emails from medicines
management Admin emails.**

DIBS Update

To keep informed of your progress you can find the DIBS page on the website by clicking this [link](#)

Antibiotic update

The microbiologists at DBTHFT have asked for a message to primary care in Doncaster and Bassetlaw that the antibiotic susceptibility reporting on ICE has been changed and is effective immediately. In particular the abbreviation "I", which used to mean "intermediate" in previous reports, now means "Susceptible, Increased exposure".

Please see attached poster, [click here](#). If there are any queries/feedback, you can contact syicb-doncaster.medicinesmanagementadmin@nhs.net

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We need your feedback!



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