### Policy Statement

Pitolisant (Wakix®) for the management of narcolepsy with or without cataplexy

### Policy No:

APC 445-2019

### Date of Issue

August 2019

### Review Date:

August 2022

(Unless new published evidence becomes available before this date OR there is new published national guidance e.g. NICE)

### Recommendations:

The Surrey and North West Sussex Area Prescribing Committee recommends pitolisant (Wakix®) monotherapy for the management of narcolepsy with or without cataplexy.

The APC recommend a RED traffic light status for the use of pitolisant monotherapy for this indication.

Pitolisant is a payment by results excluded drug and specialists at tertiary sleep centres will be required to complete blueteq initiation and continuation forms as notification that the patient meets local criteria for treatment.

Combination treatment will not be routinely funded and if combination treatment is considered clinically appropriate, an individual funding request (IFR) will need to be completed by the specialist for consideration of commissioner funding.

Primary care prescribers should ensure that patient medication records include any medicine for which prescribing remains the responsibility of secondary or tertiary care. This will ensure that GP records, which are accessed by other healthcare providers, are a true and accurate reflection of the patient’s medication.

### Key Considerations:

- Pitolisant has shown to have the best safety profile in a multiple treatment comparison and the highest benefit risk/ratio as per a recently published study.\(^1\)
- Commissioned by other local (London and South East commissioners)
- Limited evidence for combination treatment
- Payment by Results excluded drug (PbRe)

### Date taken to Area Prescribing Committee

7\(^{th}\) August 2019

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\(^1\) Lehert P, Falissard B. Multiple treatment comparison in narcolepsy: a network meta-analysis. Sleep. 2018; 41(12).
Agreed by APC members

27th August 2019

Surrey (East Surrey CCG, Guildford & Waverley CCG, North West Surrey CCG, Surrey Downs CCG & Surrey Heath CCG), Crawley CCG and Horsham & Mid-Sussex CCG