

Guide to Managing Requests from NHS providers outside of Surrey Heartlands when there is a conflict between the status of a drug on the Prescribing Advisory Database (PAD) and the formulary used by the non-Surrey Heartlands provider

Introduction

There may be occasions when requests to prescribe certain medicines identifies a conflict between the status of the medicines on the host's formulary compared to the status within Surrey Heartlands as indicated on the [Prescribing Advisory Database](#) (PAD). If this situation occurs, the tables below provide some guidance on the actions that could be considered to assist practices in deciding whether they should accept responsibility for prescribing. If in any doubt, please contact your local Medicines Optimisation team. It is expected that Trusts that are represented on the Surrey Heartlands APC as Members or Associate Members should follow Surrey Heartlands' pathways and guidelines for patients registered to Surrey Heartlands' general practices.

Template letters are available on the PAD if you wish to decline or request further information: [Guidelines : Interface \(res-systems.net\)](#)

For private providers please refer to "NHS Prescribing Recommended During or After an Episode of Private Care" on the PAD. [Guidelines : Private to NHS care AND Private prescriptions for NHS patients \(res-systems.net\)](#)

How to use the tables:

Each table refers to the status of the medicine in the non-Surrey Heartlands provider formulary:

	Table 1	Non-formulary or not evaluated
	Table 2	RED status (hospital only)
	Table 3	AMBER status (shared care)
	Table 4	BLUE status (initiated and stabilised by specialist before transfer to primary care OR initiated in primary care following recommendation by specialist). Note: some external organisations may use terms such as AMBER 1 / AMBER 2 to describe this status.
	Table 5	GREEN status

Select the table relevant to the status in the non-Surrey Heartlands Provider formulary and read across to match the status on the Surrey Heartlands PAD.

The document makes reference to "robust governance arrangements." This may be in the form of a shared care document, but if this is not available, any provided documentation should have been through the host commissioner's governance processes, and provides sufficient information about the drug and clinical responsibility to enable the GP practice to make an informed decision.

List of formularies in London and adjacent Integrated Care Boards

ICB	Formulary Link	Hospitals which are aligned to the formulary
South West London Joint Medicines Formulary	Link	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Epsom & St. Helier Kingston St. Georges Croydon Royal Marsden (specialist hospital – some shared care agreements aligned with SWL)
North West London Integrated Formulary	Link	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chelsea and Westminster Hospital Foundation Trust (Chelsea and Westminster, West Middlesex University Hospital) London North West University Healthcare (Northwick Park, St. Marks, Ealing, Central Middlesex) Imperial College Healthcare (Charing Cross, Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea, Hammersmith, St Mary's) Hillingdon
South East London Joint Medicines Formulary	Link	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guy's & St Thomas King's College Lewisham and Greenwich Royal Brompton and Harefield hospitals
North Central London Joint Formulary	Link	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> North Middlesex University Hospital NHS Trust Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Whittington Health NHS Trust Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust University College London Hospital
North East London	Link	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barts Health (St Bartholomew's, Royal London) Homerton Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals
Frimley Health Formulary	Link	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frimley Park Heatherwood and Wexham Park
Sussex Partner Formulary	Link	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University Hospitals Sussex (Royal Sussex County, Worthing, St Richard's, Princess Royal) Queen Victoria East Sussex Healthcare
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Joint Medicines Formulary	Link	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University Hospital Southampton Portsmouth Hospitals University Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
East Kent Prescribing Formulary	Link	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NHS East Kent Hospitals University Foundation Trust Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust Kent and Medway Partnership Trust
West Kent Interface Adult Formulary	Link	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust formulary

Table 1: Non-Surrey Heartlands NHS Provider / system formulary has not evaluated the recommended medicine or has classified it as non-formulary

PAD Traffic Light Status					
Not evaluated & not on workplan; OR under review	Non-formulary	Red	Amber	Blue	Green
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request to prescribe should be declined Provider to retain prescribing 	Request to prescribe should be declined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request to prescribe should be declined Provider to retain prescribing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be prescribed at discretion of primary care prescriber if patient meets Surrey Heartlands criteria & dose stabilised Local shared care protocol should be used and signed by all parties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be prescribed at discretion of primary care prescriber if patient meets Surrey Heartlands criteria and dose stabilised Clarify responsibilities regarding monitoring / follow-up 	May be prescribed at discretion of primary care prescriber if patient meets Surrey Heartlands criteria

Table 2: Non-Surrey Heartlands NHS Provider / system formulary has given the recommended medicine RED status

PAD Traffic Light Status					
Not evaluated & not on workplan; OR under review	Non-formulary	Red	Amber	Blue	Green
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request to prescribe should be declined Provider to retain prescribing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request to prescribe should be declined Provider to retain prescribing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request to prescribe should be declined Provider to retain prescribing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be prescribed by primary care prescriber if patient meets Surrey Heartlands criteria & dose stabilised Local shared care protocol should be used and signed by all parties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be prescribed by primary care prescriber if patient meets Surrey Heartlands criteria & dose stabilised Clarify responsibilities regarding monitoring / follow-up 	May be prescribed at discretion of primary care prescriber if patient meets Surrey Heartlands criteria

Table 3: Non-Surrey Heartlands NHS Provider / system formulary has given the recommended drug medicine Amber (Shared Care) status

PAD Traffic Light Status					
Not evaluated & not on workplan; OR under review	Non-formulary	Red	Amber	Blue	Green
<p>May be prescribed at discretion of primary care prescriber if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) patient meets agreed criteria in host provider pathway and all APC agreed options have been exhausted; AND ii) Shared care agreement provided 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attempts should be made to gain agreement for provider to prescribe If the provider refuses to prescribe, request support from the Medicines Optimisation team to consider if prescribing in Surrey Heartlands is appropriate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attempts should be made to gain agreement for provider to prescribe Consider prescribing only if robust governance arrangements are in place that would make it safe to prescribe in primary care. Request support from Medicines Optimisation team, if needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prescribe if in accordance with APC recommendations and shared care agreement provided Surrey Heartlands shared care protocol could be used 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prescribe if in accordance with APC recommendations Host shared care protocol optional Clarify responsibilities regarding monitoring / follow-up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prescribe if patient meets Surrey Heartlands criteria Clarify responsibilities regarding monitoring.

Table 4: Non-Surrey Heartlands NHS Provider / system formulary has given the recommended medicine BLUE (or equivalent) status

PAD Traffic Light Status					
Not evaluated & not on workplan; OR under review	Non-formulary	Red	Amber	Blue	Green
<p>May be prescribed at discretion of primary care prescriber if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) patient meets agreed criteria in host provider pathway and all APC agreed options have been exhausted; AND ii) patient stabilised in accordance with recommendations; AND iii) responsibilities regarding monitoring / follow-up are clear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attempts should be made to gain agreement for provider to prescribe • If the provider refuses to prescribe, request support from the Medicines Optimisation team to consider if prescribing in Surrey Heartlands is appropriate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attempts should be made to gain agreement for provider to prescribe • Consider prescribing only if robust governance arrangements are in place that would make it safe to prescribe in primary care. • Request support from Medicines Optimisation team, if needed 	<p>Consider prescribing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) If non-Surrey Heartlands provider is willing to accept local shared care agreement <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii) May be prescribed at discretion of primary care prescriber if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient meets agreed criteria in host provider pathway <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • patient stabilised in accordance with recommendations <p style="text-align: center;">AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • responsibilities regarding monitoring / follow-up are clear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prescribe if in accordance with APC recommendations. • Clarify responsibilities regarding monitoring / follow-up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prescribe if patient meets Surrey Heartlands criteria. • Clarify responsibilities regarding monitoring / follow-up

Table 5: Non-Surrey Heartlands NHS Provider / system formulary has given the recommended medicine GREEN status

PAD Traffic Light Status					
Not evaluated & not on workplan; OR under review	Non-formulary	Red	Amber	Blue	Green
<p>May be prescribed at discretion of primary care prescriber if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) patient meets agreed criteria in host provider pathway and all APC agreed options have been exhausted; AND ii) treatment success criteria are defined. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attempts should be made to gain agreement for provider to prescribe • If the provider refuses to prescribe, request support from the Medicines Optimisation team to consider if prescribing in Surrey Heartlands is appropriate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attempts should be made to gain agreement for provider to prescribe • Consider prescribing only if robust governance arrangements are in place that would make it safe to prescribe in primary care. • Request support from Medicines Optimisation team. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider prescribing if non- Surrey Heartlands provider is willing to accept Surrey Heartlands shared care agreement • Some discretion may be applied in the patient's best interest if lead commissioner for the provider has agreed green status and patient meets agreed criteria in host provider pathway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider prescribing if non- Surrey Heartlands provider is willing to accept APC criteria • Some discretion may be applied in the patient's best interest if lead commissioner for the provider has agreed green status and patient meets agreed criteria in host provider pathway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prescribe if patient meets Surrey Heartlands criteria.