

Memo

To: All Practices
From: Linda Honey; Chief Pharmacist, NW Surrey CCG
Date: 10/04/2014
Re: Supply of medication for out of area patients moving into North West Surrey

Recommendation:

North West Surrey CCG recommends when a patient has previously been provided with one or more treatments by another NHS body and they wish for continuation of treatments, that GPs should operate a presumption in favour of continuing to provide those treatments to the patient providing:

- the GP considers that continued treatment does not pose a risk to the patient
- the GP considers they are clinically confident to prescribe the requested treatments
- the requested treatment is **not** commissioned by NHS England (i.e see manual for prescribed specialised services <http://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/pss-manual.pdf>)
- the requested treatment is **not** part of a clinical trial

The GP reserves the right not to continue to provide the treatments if they have a good reason e.g.:

- the particular treatment is likely not to be clinically effective; or
- the particular treatment is likely not to be cost effective for the patient

The GP reserves the right to seek a formal clinical review of the patient's future healthcare needs. Future decisions to provide on-going prescriptions for the requested treatments will be based on the recommendations from the clinical review in line with national and local guidance.

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