

Surrey & North West Sussex Area Prescribing Committee

Policy Statement	Cannabidiol for epilepsy
Policy No:	APC 476-2020
Date of Issue	January 2020
Review Date:	<p><i>No review date will be assigned to any drugs or devices that are subject to a NICE Technology appraisal.</i></p> <p><i>The recommendation made by the APC (formerly PCN) will be reviewed when new published evidence becomes available OR there is new published national guidance e.g. NICE)</i></p>
<p>Recommendations:</p> <p>The Surrey & North West Sussex Area Prescribing Committee (APC) notes that NHS England routinely commissions cannabidiol for epilepsy in line with NICE TAs 614 & 615. When cannabidiol is not being used in combination with clobazam, funding is via individual funding request (IFR) through NHS England.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: only those centres commissioned to provide adult specialist neuroscience services or specialist neuroscience services for children should be prescribing cannabidiol for epilepsy. (See the specialised service letter SSC2111 (23 December 2019) for further information and for list of commissioned specialist centres).</p>	
<p>Key Considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialised Commissioning –South letter - SSC 2111(23 December 2019) (not available on line) – linked to Prescribing Advisory Database. • NICE TA614 - Cannabidiol with clobazam for treating seizures associated with dravets syndrome (December 2019) https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta614/resources/cannabidiol-withclobazam-for-treating-seizures-associated-with-dravet-syndrome-pdf82608956790469 • NICE TA615 - Cannabidiol with clobazam for treating seizures associated with Lennox-Gastaut syndrome (December 2019) https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta615/resources/cannabidiol-withclobazam-for-treating-seizures-associated-with-lennoxgastaut-syndromepdf-82608958470085 	
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