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Dear Colleagues

The limited use of standardised preferred medicinal products across Greater Manchester

NHS Greater Manchester has today issued a limited list of preferred medicinal products to be used in all of its localities.

This limited list has been developed to minimise disruption to patients, pharmacies and GP practices whilst reducing costs in the prescribing of medicines. The medicines chosen are all equivalent to other products and there will be no detriment to patient care by the use of these products.

The list also includes a limited range of products that should be prescribed generically.

The new process will address the variation in current GM practice and consequently we will now have a standardised GM list that is coproduced with all system partners including community pharmacy. Community pharmacy colleagues have supported the development of the list, advising where products should not be chosen for either risks of supply or excessive costs to community pharmacies.

The list will be reviewed on an on-going basis but products on that list will remain on there for a minimum of six months unless supply problems necessitate their removal. Supply of medicines will also be continually monitored.

Please refer to the active product ingredient and product lists for details of the specific products and strengths covered within this list.

The Locality Medicines Optimisation team will work with PCNs and GP practices and community pharmacy contractors to avoid stock wastage and expiring unused medicines.

Best Regards

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