

## Out-of-area Prescribing Requests

Prescribing request from out-of-area specialists to GPs in the Pan Mersey region where there is an inconsistency with the recommended local and out-of-area colour classification.

### Recommendation

#### **If an out-of-area specialist requests that a Pan Mersey GP prescribe an item for which there is no Pan Mersey position, the following course of action should be taken**

The GP should contact the local CCG medicines optimisation team for further advice. The CCG medicines optimisation team should, if it feels this is appropriate and relevant, apply to the Pan Mersey Area Prescribing Committee (PMAPC) through normal processes requesting a review of the medicine or device.

**Please note:** if prescribing has already commenced this must be retained by the specialist, at their own departmental cost, until the outcome of the PMAPC application is available.

#### **If an out-of-area specialist request GP prescribing and the Pan Mersey position is Black**

Not recommended or commissioned in Pan Mersey. Therefore, refer the patient back to out-of-area provider trust to recommend an alternative drug.

#### **If an out-of-area specialist request GP prescribing and the Pan Mersey position is Grey**

Not recommended or commissioned in Pan Mersey. Therefore, refer the patient back to out-of-area provider trust to recommend an alternative drug.

**Please note:** If classified as 'Grey – not prioritised' the GP should contact the local CCG medicines optimisation team for further advice. The CCG medicines optimisation team should, if it feels this is appropriate and relevant, apply to the Pan Mersey Area Prescribing Committee (PMAPC) through normal processes requesting a review of the medicine or device. **Please note:** if prescribing has already commenced this must be retained by the specialist, at their own departmental cost, until the outcome of the PMAPC application is available.

#### **If an out-of-area specialist request GP prescribing and the Pan Mersey position is Red**

Prescribing responsibility rests with the specialist. Therefore, the patient should be referred back to the provider trust for on-going prescribing.

#### **If an out-of-area specialist request GP prescribing and the Pan Mersey position is Purple Shared Care**

The GP can consider accepting on-going prescribing as per the PMAPC shared-care agreement. The out-of-area specialist must initiate and stabilise the patient according to the criteria specified in the PMAPC SCG.

**Please note:** It would normally be expected that prescribers would agree to an out-of-area specialist request if the Pan Mersey RAG designation is green or amber.

For prescribing requests following a private consultation refer to [Pan Mersey guidance](#).