



Position Statement

Prescribing Requests from out- of- area specialists to Pennine Lancashire GPs where there is an inconsistency with the local and out-of-area formulary colour classification

Recommendation:

If an out-of-area specialist requests that a Pennine Lancashire GP prescribes an item which is not on the local formulary the following course of action should be taken:

Secondary care specialists should be directed to apply to ELMMB requesting review of the medicine or device – ***to be submitted by the specialist recommending the medicines or device*** at elmmb.nhs.uk

Please note: if prescribing has already commenced this must be retained by the specialist, at their own department cost, until the outcome of the formulary application is available. For commonly used medications e.g. ACE inhibitors, eye drops, use discretion.

If an out-of-area specialist requests GP prescribing and the local position is BLACK:

Not recommended or commissioned in Pennine Lancashire. Refer the patient back to out-of-area prescribing provider trust to recommend an alternative drug. Specialist to consider IFR if genuine exceptionality.

If an out-of-area specialist requests GP prescribing and the local 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 requests GP prescribing and the local position is Amber Shared Care:

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

If the local formulary is AMBER or GREEN the GP can take responsibility for the on-going prescribing.