

Useful Resources for Non-Medical Prescribers Working in General Practice

Non-medical prescribers must have access to up-to-date resources to support their prescribing practice, including, but not limited to, the following:

❖ Local Formularies:

Local formularies for each place across Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB can be found via the website: <https://www.lancsmmg.nhs.uk/formulary/>.

❖ General guidelines and policies:

✓ Blackburn with Darwen and East Lancashire:

- [Antimicrobial guidelines](#).
- [General policies and resources](#).

✓ West Lancashire:

- [Antimicrobial guidelines](#).
- [General policies and resources](#).
- Where no information is available on Pan Mersey, please follow guidelines and advice on LSCMMG: <https://www.lancsmmg.nhs.uk/>.

✓ Central Lancashire:

- Antimicrobial guidelines: use relevant [NICE guidelines](#).
- General policies and resources: [General policies and resources](#).

✓ Fylde and Wyre and Blackpool:

- Antimicrobial guidelines:



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- [General policies and resources](#).

- Wound care formulary:



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✓ Morecambe Bay:

- Antimicrobial guidelines: use relevant [NICE guidelines](#).
- [General policies and resources](#).
- Wound Care formulary:



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❖ General resources:

- ✓ [British National Formulary \(BNF\)](#).
- ✓ [MHRA drug safety updates](#).
- ✓ [Electronic medicines compendium \(eMC\)](#) – Summaries of Product Characteristics are available via this website for most UK licensed medicines. They contain information such as licensed indication, licensed dose, cautions, contraindications, reported adverse drug reactions, and storage requirements. They sometimes include information about whether tablets/capsules can be given in a different way i.e. whether they can be split, crushed, dissolved in water or administered via a feeding tube. Summary of Product Characteristics not included in the eMC can be found on the MHRA website: www.mhra.gov.uk/spc-pil/.

- ✓ [NICE Clinical Knowledge Summaries \(CKS\)](#) – CKS guidelines are for healthcare professionals in primary care, and are more user-friendly than NICE guidance (on which many are based).
- ✓ [NICE guidelines](#).
- ✓ [General medicine guidance](#) – The Specialist Pharmacy Service have a range of useful medicine guidance and resources for healthcare professional.
- ✓ Pregnancy and Breastfeeding resources:
 - [UKTIS](#) – Summary monographs can be found on this site. To find them, click on the 'Resources' section then 'Information for healthcare providers'.
 - [Best use of Medicines in Pregnancy \(BUMPS\)](#) – This site provides evidence-based information about use of medicines in pregnancy for pregnant women and their partners.
 - [UK Drugs In Lactation Advisory Service \(UKDILAS\)](#).
- ✓ Information on the [national medical guidelines of fitness to drive](#).
- ✓ Immunisation and Vaccine resources:
 - The [NHS website](#). Information for patients and carers, including the current vaccination schedule, is available via this page of the NHS website.
 - Public Health England – [Immunisation](#). This section of the gov.uk website provides information for healthcare professionals, including the current routine vaccination schedule and links to the 'Green Book' and 'Vaccine Update' (see below). There are also links to leaflets and guides for parents.
 - [Immunisation against infectious disease \(the Green Book\)](#) – Produced by UK Health Security Agency, UKHSA (previously by the Department of Health) this online book provides comprehensive advice on vaccines and vaccination. Individual chapters are updated as required. Click on the chapter you want to view.
 - [Vaccine Update](#). This is a monthly newsletter produced by UK Health Security Agency (previously by the Department of Health). Current and archived editions are available online.
- ✓ Paediatric resources:
 - [BNF for children](#).
 - [Medicines for Children](#).
- ✓ Opioid resources:
 - [Opioids Aware](#) is a web-based resource, funded by Public Health England and hosted by the Faculty of Pain Medicine, Royal College of Anaesthetists.
 - Reducing opioids and duty of care as a prescriber - [GMC guidance document](#).
- ✓ Travelling abroad:
 - [Travelling with medicine containing controlled drugs](#).
 - [Taking medicines in and out of the UK](#).
 - [British Medical Association: Prescribing in General Practice](#).
- ✓ Unlicensed and Off-label medicines: [prescriber's responsibilities](#).
- ✓ Medicines supply issues – sign up to the Specialist Pharmacy Service ['Online Medicines supply tool'](#).

❖ Professional guidance and standards:

- ✓ Royal Pharmaceutical Society: [A Competency Framework for all Prescribers](#).
- ✓ Royal Pharmaceutical Society: [Expanding Prescribing Scope of Practice](#).
- ✓ Chartered Society of Physiotherapy: [Professional guidance](#).
- ✓ Health and Care Professions Council:
 - [Standards for prescribing](#).
 - [High level principles for good practice in remote consultations and prescribing](#).
 - [Medicines and prescribing rights](#).
- ✓ Nursing and Midwifery Council:
 - [Standards for prescribers](#).
- ✓ General Pharmaceutical Council:
 - [Guidance for pharmacist prescribers](#).
 - [Standards for Pharmacy Professionals](#).

- ✓ [Who can prescribe what?](#)
- ✓ [Care Quality Commission – Non-medical prescribing.](#)
- ✓ General Medical Council: [Good practice in prescribing and managing medicines and devices.](#)

❖ Opportunities to keep up to date with clinical areas of practice:

- ✓ [Register for email updates](#) from the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA).
- ✓ [Register](#) with NICE for monthly newsletters and alerts.
- ✓ [Register](#) for receiving a monthly newsletter for updates in primary care.
- ✓ Royal College of Nursing [accredited events and resources.](#)
- ✓ CPPE – <https://www.cppe.ac.uk/>.
- ✓ [Sign up to Medicines Awareness.](#) This gives weekly or daily emails that provide you with medicines updates and prescribing guidance/updates.
- ✓ Sign up to the [vaccine update newsletter](#), if appropriate.
- ✓ Royal Pharmaceutical Society [accredited training courses.](#)
- ✓ [BMJ Learning.](#)
- ✓ [MIMs Learning.](#)
- ✓ [Guidelines in Practice.](#)
- ✓ [TARGET antibiotics toolkit](#) designed to support primary care clinicians to champion and implement antimicrobial stewardship activities. The TARGET group is led by UKHSA and collaborates with many expert organisations.

❖ Medicines Advice Support:

- ✓ Speak to your local Medicines Optimisation Team.
- ✓ [SPS Medicines Advice Support](#) – Healthcare professionals in primary care across England can contact using a single contact number or email address:
Call: 0300 770 8564.
Email: asksps.nhs@sps.direct
They cannot answer questions from members of the public.

❖ Prescribing Learning Resources:

- ✓ [Medicines Learning Portal.](#)
- ✓ [eLearning for Healthcare](#) – type in the search box 'prescribing' a list of modules that are relating to prescribing come up.