

Prescribing Briefing for all Lincolnshire practices on Covid-19 Response

1st April 2020

- Daily briefing will be issued at 5pm
- Will include latest national guidance, local plans, updates on actions and answers to key questions
- General queries from practices should be emailed to leccg.c19.lincsprescribing@nhs.net
Responses will be provided in the daily briefing
- Clinical forum will be established from 19 March to provide guidance regarding clinical issues, please send these to the generic email. Feedback will be provided in the daily brief.
- Local escalation/issues to be raised directly with your regular primary care team
- Additional names for the daily briefing email should be sent to the generic email address above

In today's briefing:

1. **Electronic Repeat Dispensing**
2. **Dispensing Practices**
3. **Medication Supply Update**

Electronic Repeat Dispensing

To support practices and community pharmacy to better manage repeat dispensing the NHS Business Services Authority and local Academic Health Science Networks are offering support to general practice to roll the system out. You will have received an email from NHS BSA last week with further details.

The pharmacy group will be working with the AHSN to support any practices who want to consider introducing eRD. There is a webinar tomorrow afternoon (2nd April) at 11:00 for any primary care staff who are interested in eRD. The invitation to join the webinar is attached below.



Electronic Repeat
Dispensing Webinar

Dispensing Practices

Queries have been raised by dispensing practices as to whether they can dispense to non-dispensing patients in the current situation.

This issue is currently being reviewed at a national level, however, the local guidance is to still only dispense to your own dispensing patients, unless it is an extenuating emergency which must be documented in the clinical notes. Further information will follow if there are any changes to the legislation.

Medication Supply Update

Novo Nordisk have circulated information stating they have good stock levels of all their products and to ensure continuity of supply, please continue to prescribe at the normal rate to ensure they can plan stock levels and distribute medicines as usual.

Ridge Pharma have confirmed today (1st April 2020) that they have significant stock at pre wholesaler level and wholesaler /depot level for all strengths of Oxypro MR.

Department of Health and Social Care – Supplies Update. The DoH medication supplies update March / April 2020 is embedded below, this cover both Primary and Secondary care.



Supply issues
update for primary care