

Arden and Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit in association with Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Groups, Lincolnshire Community Health Services, United Lincolnshire Hospitals Trust and Lincolnshire Partnership Foundation Trust

Lincolnshire *PACE* Shorts

Summary of PACEF decisions from January 2016

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Drug	Indication(s)	Traffic Light and <i>Joint Formulary</i> Status
Alendronic acid 70mg effervescent tablets (Binosto)	For the treatment of postmenopausal osteoporosis	GREEN For patients unable to swallow standard alendronic acid 70mg tablets. Approved for inclusion in the Lincolnshire Joint Formulary.
Colecalciferol 1000iu and 25000iu tablets (Stexerol-D3)	For the prevention and treatment of vitamin D deficiency in adolescents, adults and the elderly. Also indicated as an adjunct to treatment for osteoporosis in patients with vitamin D deficiency or at risk of vitamin D insufficiency.	RED-RED Not approved for inclusion in the Lincolnshire Joint Formulary.
Tapentadol immediate-release tablets (Palexia)	Licensed for the relief of moderate to severe acute pain in adults.	RED-RED in Lincolnshire. Not approved for inclusion in the Lincolnshire Joint Formulary. AMBER subject to initiation by the Nottinghamshire Pain Team.
Tapentadol prolonged-release tablets (Palexia SR)	Licensed for the management of severe chronic pain in adults.	RED-RED in Lincolnshire. Not approved for inclusion in the Lincolnshire Joint Formulary. AMBER subject to initiation by the Nottinghamshire Pain Team.
Thick and Easy Clear powder (Fresenius Kabi)	Food and drink thickener for patients with dysphagia	AMBER following assessment by a Speech and Language Therapist or Dysphagia Trained Nurse. Approved for inclusion in the Lincolnshire Joint Formulary.

RED-RED: This signifies that a product is **not recommended** for prescribing in **either** primary or secondary care. All new products are classified as RED-RED pending assessment by PACEF.

RED: This signifies that a product has been approved for use within secondary care, tertiary care or a primary care hosted specialist service only and **should not be routinely prescribed in primary care**. RED drugs may be used within ULHT or LPFT subject to approval for use within each Trust. ULHT and LPFT reserve the right to determine whether or not RED drugs will be used within their Trusts. RED classification does not automatically signify that a drug will be available within secondary/tertiary care.

AMBER: This signifies that a drug has been approved for use in primary care **subject to specialist initiation; a shared care guideline (SCG) may also be required**. The main purpose of the SCG will be to clearly define both specialist and GP responsibilities. Not all AMBER drugs that require SCGs are currently covered by formal documents; PACEF are working to rectify this.

GREEN: This signifies a product that is **approved for initiation in either primary or secondary care**.

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