

Sheffield Traffic Light Drugs List September 2025

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BNF Section	Drug	Rational : see introduction	Notes	Relevant links
4.10.1	Acamprosate		If initiated in primary care, to be prescribed by a GP/prescriber with special interest OR experience in alcohol relapse prevention and in conjunction with an offer of psychological interventions. See the prescribing guideline for more information.	
7.4.5	Alprostadil	1, 2	If SLS criteria not met: a GP may provide a private prescription (detailed in HSC 1999/148) . See also entry in amber section.	
7.4.5	Alprostadil	1	SLS criteria applies - prescriptions may be issued for patients eligible for NHS treatment (as per SI 2004 No 629) , otherwise RED. Note - Patients with Severe Distress are not covered by SLS criteria (as detailed in HSC 1999/177).	HSC 1999/177
2.3.2	Amiodarone	1, 2, 3	Amiodarone SCG	
4.2.1	Amisulpride	1, 2	This includes depot antipsychotics. Specialist to initiate and stabilise dose.	
8.3.4.1	Anastrozole	1, 2	Treatment: Specialist to initiate and stabilise dose and then recommend GP to take on prescribing for a specified duration, for advice on drug management see: Referral and Management Guidelines for Breast Cancer . See also, section on ibandronic acid.	
OTC Preparations	Anti-fungal nail paints	4	See Sheffield STOP list for full details and note circumstances where prescribing may be appropriate.	
2.8.2	Apixaban - For prevention of venous thromboembolism after total hip and knee replacement in adults. Note: full course to be provided by secondary care.	1, 5	See Amber and Green sections for other indications.	NICE TA245
2.8.2	Apixaban for the treatment and secondary prevention of deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism	1	See Red and Green sections for other indications.	NICE TA341
2.8.2	Apixaban for preventing stroke and systemic embolism in people with non-valvular atrial fibrillation		Local guidelines for the prevention of stroke in non-valvular atrial fibrillation. See Red and Amber sections for other indications.	NICE TA275
4.2.1	Aripiprazole	1, 2	This includes depot antipsychotics. Specialist to initiate and stabilise dose.	
4.2.3	Asenapine	1	SHSC have also stated that they would not be routinely initiating prescriptions.	
OTC Preparations	Aspirin 300mg for acute pain in adults	4	See Sheffield STOP list for full details and note circumstances where prescribing may be appropriate.	
4.4	Atomoxetine	1, 2	SCG for ADHD in Children and Adults	
	Avacopan	1, 5	NHSE commissioned.	NICE TA825

For treating thrombocytopenia in people with chronic liver disease needing a planned invasive procedure	Avatrombopag	1, 5		NICE TA626
10.1.3	Azathioprine	1, 5	When no agreed SCP available.	
10.1.3	Azathioprine	1, 2, 3	Azathioprine and Mercaptopurine SCP	
2.12	Bempedoic Acid (Nilemdo®)	1	Monotherapy, for the management of primary hypercholesterolaemia or mixed dyslipidaemia, as an option for lipid specialist to consider. See also bempedoic acid in Green section.	
2.12	Bempedoic Acid NICE TA694		Green, ONLY in combination with ezetimibe and in line with the updated lipid guidelines for BOTH the primary and secondary prevention of CVD. See Lipid optimisation for the SECONDARY prevention of cardiovascular disease in adults. See also bempedoic acid in Amber section for monotherapy.	
4.2.1	Benperidol	1, 2	This includes depot antipsychotics. Specialist to initiate and stabilise dose.	
	Berotralstat	1, 5	NHSE commissioned.	NICE TA738
8.2.4	Beta Interferon	1, 5		
8.1	Bexarotene	1, 5	Should not be prescribed in primary care as an oral anticancer medication, in line with NPSA Alert . Exceptions include oral anti cancer medicines where a shared care protocol exists.	
2.12	Bezafibrate	1	For hypertriglyceridemia and/or mixed dyslipidaemia; however, use in this cohort of patients would usually be on the initiation or recommendation of a lipid clinic specialist.	
8.3.4.2	Bicalutamide	1, 2	Hormonal Management of Prostatic Cancer SCP	
5.3.3.2	Boceprevir for the treatment of genotype 1 chronic hepatitis C	1, 5	http://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2015/06/hep-c-cirrhosis-polyv-statmnt-0615.pdf .	NICE TA253
13.6.3	Brimonidine tartrate (Mirvaso®)	1	For management of rosacea: See Drug Safety Alerts on risk of exacerbation of rosacea MHRA	See MHRA update on systemic cardiovascular effects
4.8.1	Brivaracetam	1	Epilepsy in Children SCG	
1.5.2	Budesonide Orodispersible	1		
4.10.3	Buprenorphine	1, 5	As opioid substitution therapy. https://www.shsc.nhs.uk/services/opiates-service-sheffield-treatment-and-recovery-team	
4.10.3	Buprenorphine prolonged-release injection (Buvidal®)	1, 5		
4.10.2	Bupropion Hydrochloride	5	Clients over 12 years and non-pregnant women should be signposted to the commissioned Stop Smoking service http://sheffield.yorkshiresmokefree.nhs.uk/	
8.1	Busulfan	1, 5	Should not be prescribed in primary care as an oral anticancer medication, in line with NPSA Alert . Exceptions include oral anti cancer medicines where a shared care protocol exists.	
6.1.2.3	Canagliflozin			NICE TA315
4.8	Cannabidiol (Epidyolex®)	1, 5	NICE TA614 with clobazam for seizures associated with Dravet Syndrome in people aged 2 years and older. See also related red entry for cannabidiol for Lennox Gastaut syndrome and black section for Cannabis-based medicinal products.	NICE TA614
4.8	Cannabidiol (Epidyolex®)	1, 5	NICE TA615 with clobazam for seizures associated with Lennox–Gastaut syndrome in people aged 2 years and older. See also related red entry for cannabidiol in Dravet syndrome and black section for Cannabis-based medicinal products.	NICE TA615
10.2.2	Cannabis- based medicinal products	3	Black for all indications with the exception of those recommended in NICE NG144.	NICE NG144

8.1	Capecitabine	1, 5	Should not be prescribed in primary care as an oral anticancer medication, in line with NPSA Alert . Exceptions include oral anti cancer medicines where a shared care protocol exists.	
10.1.3	Certolizumab Pegol	1, 5		
8.1	Chlorambucil	1, 5	Should not be prescribed in primary care as an oral anticancer medication, in line with NPSA Alert . Exceptions include oral anti cancer medicines where a shared care protocol exists.	
4.2.1	Chlorpromazine hydrochloride	1, 2	This includes depot antipsychotics. Specialist to initiate and stabilise dose.	
8.2.2	Ciclosporin	1	Unless disease specific shared care arrangement in place. Regular monitoring required. See: Common blood monitoring	
11.4.2	Ciclosporin eye drops	1		NICE TA369
9.5.1.2	Cinacalcet	1, 5	To be prescribed by renal services, specialised commissioning. See Amber for primary hyperparathyroidism.	
9.5.1.2	Cinacalcet	1, 2, 3	Cinacalcet for Primary Hyperparathyroidism in Adults . See Red for prescribing by renal services.	
4.2.1	Clozapine	1	Patients must be registered with the appropriate clozapine monitoring service. Prescribing physicians must also register themselves and a nominated pharmacist with the monitoring service.	
	Cod Liver Oil	4		
	Co-enzyme Q10	3	For all indications except Friedreich's ataxia ; See Co-enzyme Q10 in red section.	
	Co-enzyme Q10	1, 4	For Friedreich's ataxia only; see Co-enzyme Q10 in black section.	
5.1.7	Colistimethate sodium (colistin sulfomethate sodium)	5	Specialised commissioning. To be prescribed by cystic fibrosis services. See also Amber section for non-cystic fibrosis bronchiectasis indication.	
5.1.7	Colistimethate sodium (colistin sulfomethate sodium) (Colomycin®)	1, 2, 3	For non-cystic fibrosis bronchiectasis. Prescribe as Colomycin® brand. See SCG . See Red section for cystic fibrosis.	
OTC Preparations	Cough and cold remedies	4	See Sheffield STOP list for full details and note circumstances where prescribing may be appropriate.	
8.1	Cyclophosphamide	1, 5	Should not be prescribed in primary care as an oral anticancer medication, in line with NPSA Alert . Exceptions include oral anti cancer medicines where a shared care protocol exists.	
8.3.4.2	Cyproterone acetate	1, 2	Hormonal Management of Prostatic Cancer SCP	
2.8.2	Dabigatran etexilate - for the prevention of venous thromboembolism after hip or knee replacement surgery in adults. Note: full course to be provided by secondary care.	1, 5	See Amber and Green sections for other indications.	NICE TA157
2.8.2	Dabigatran etexilate - for the treatment and secondary prevention of deep vein thrombosis and/or pulmonary embolism	1	See Red and Green sections for other indications.	NICE TA327
2.8.2	Dabigatran etexilate for preventing stroke and systemic embolism in people with non-valvular atrial fibrillation		Local guidelines for the prevention of stroke in non-valvular atrial fibrillation. See Red and Amber sections for other indications.	NICE TA249
6.7.2	Danazol	1, 2, 3	For unlicensed indications and more details, see CAS Supply Disruption Alert (29 May 2020): Note to prescribers: as there can be a delay in obtaining supplies; please allow 2 weeks for community pharmacy to source the unlicensed product.	
10.2.2	Dantrolene sodium	1, 2, 3		
6.1.2.3	Dapagliflozin	1, 2, 3	Dapagliflozin for treating chronic heart failure with reduced ejection fraction (HFrEF). Refer to primary care guidance . See also dapagliflozin: for treating chronic heart failure with preserved or mildly reduced ejection fraction in line with NICE TA902, in amber section; for treating type 2 diabetes in line with NICE NG28, in Green section.	NICE TA679

6.1.2.3	Dapagliflozin	1,2 (IMOC)	Dapagliflozin for treating chronic heart failure with preserved or mildly reduced ejection fraction (HFpEF). Approved as AMBER-G by SY IMOC Jul 23. See also dapagliflozin: for treating chronic heart failure with reduced ejection fraction in line with NICE TA679, in amber section; for treating type 2 diabetes in line with NICE NG28, in Green section.	NICE TA902
7.4.6	Dapoxetine	1, 2	To be prescribed only when all the criteria specified in the SPC are met. A maximum supply of 6 tabs per month is advised by the Sheffield APG.	
9.1.3	Darbepoetin alfa	1, 5	Renal Anaemia, specialised commissioning.	
8.3.4.2	Degarelix	1, 2	Hormonal Management of Prostatic Cancer SCP	
5.3.1	Didanosine	1, 5	NHSE commissioned.	
4.10.1	Disulfiram	1, 2	Alcohol Relapse Prevention Guideline	
5.3.1	Dolutegravir (including combinations)	1, 5	NHSE commissioned.	
4.11	Donepezil	1, 2, 3	Dementia SCG	
3.7	Dornase Alfa	5	Specialised commissioning. To be prescribed by cystic fibrosis services.	
6.1.2.3	Dulaglutide	1		
2.8.2	Edoxaban for preventing stroke and systemic embolism in people with non-valvular atrial fibrillation		Local guidelines for the prevention of stroke in non-valvular atrial fibrillation. See Amber section for other indication.	NICE TA355
2.8.2	Edoxaban for the treatment and secondary prevention of deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism	1	Note: treatment of DVT and PE will be initiated in secondary care. See Green section for other indication.	NICE TA354.
	Electronic Cigarettes	4	Self-care should be encouraged and patients can be referred to the stop smoking service.	
5.3.1	Elvitegravir (including combinations)	1, 5	NHSE commissioned.	
6.1.2.3	Empagliflozin	1,2,3	Empagliflozin for treating chronic heart failure with reduced ejection fraction (HFrEF). Refer to primary care guidance. See also empagliflozin: for treating chronic heart failure with preserved or mildly reduced ejection fraction in line with NICE TA929	NICE TA773
6.1.2.3	Empagliflozin	1,2 (IMOC)	Empagliflozin for treating chronic heart failure with preserved or mildly reduced ejection fraction (HFpEF). Approved as AMBER-G by SY IMOC Dec 23. See also empagliflozin: for treating chronic heart failure with reduced ejection fraction in line with NICE	NICE TA929
6.1.2.3	Empagliflozin		Empagliflozin for treating chronic kidney disease. Approved as GREEN by SY IMOC Feb 24. See also empagliflozin: for treating type 2 diabetes in line with NICE NG28, in Green section; for treating heart failure with reduced ejection fraction, in line with NICE TA773, in Amber section; and for treating heart failure with preserved or mildly reduced ejection fraction, in line with NICE TA929 in Amber section.	NICE TA942
5.3.1	Emticitabine (including combinations)	1, 5	NHSE commissioned.	
2.8.1	Enoxaparin	1	Unless guidance available.	
9.4.2	Enteral Feeding Solutions	1	When dietetic advice is provided. See appendix 2 of the BNF for full list.	
2.5.5.2	Entresto® (sacubitril valsartan)	1, 2, 3	ONLY to be transferred to a GP when patient has been up titrated and on a stable, optimal dose.	NICE TA388
2.2.3	Eplerenone	1	For patients intolerant of spironolactone due to gynaecomastia.	
8.1	Estramustine phosphate	1, 5	Should not be prescribed in primary care as an oral anticancer medication, in line with NPSA Alert . Exceptions include oral anti cancer medicines where a shared care protocol exists.	
7.3.1	Ethinylestradiol with Etonogestrel vaginal ring (NuvaRing®)	1		
4.8.1	Ethosuximide	1	Epilepsy in Children SCG	NICE CG137

8.3.4.1	Exemestane	1, 2	Treatment: Specialist to initiate and stabilise dose and then recommend GP to take on prescribing for a specified duration, for advice on drug management see: Referral and Management Guidelines for Breast Cancer . See also, section on ibandronic acid.	
6.1.2.3	Exenatide	1		
10.1.4	Febuxostat		Now first line with allopurinol.	NICE NG219
2.12	Fenofibrate	1	For hypertriglyceridemia and/or mixed dyslipidaemia; however, use in this cohort of patients would usually be on the initiation or recommendation of a lipid clinic specialist.	
5.1.7	Fidaxomicin	1	If prescribed in line with NICE NG199 as a second line antibiotic for a first episode of mild, moderate or severe C.difficile infection if vancomycin ineffective or for a further episode (see NICE guidance). Following specialist recommendation, fidaxomicin may be prescribed by a primary care clinician. See also vancomycin (oral) in Green section.	NICE NG199
13.8.1	Fluorouracil (5-Fluorouracil) cream 5% (Efudix®)		See: Actinic keratosis pathway	
4.2.1	Flupentixol	1, 2	This includes depot antipsychotics. Specialist to initiate and stabilise dose.	
8.3.4.1	Fulvestrant	1, 2	Treatment: Specialist to initiate and stabilise dose and then recommend GP to take on prescribing for a specified duration, for advice on drug management see: Referral and Management Guidelines for Breast Cancer . See also, section on ibandronic acid.	
4.11	Galantamine	1, 2, 3	Dementia SCG	
	gammaCore	1		MTG 46
8.3.4.2	Goserelin	1, 2	Hormonal Management of Prostatic Cancer SCP . NB see also goserelin in endocrine management of breast cancer.	
8.3.4.1	Goserelin	1, 2	Treatment: Specialist to initiate and stabilise dose and then recommend GP to take on prescribing for a specified duration, for advice on drug management see: Referral and Management Guidelines for Breast Cancer . See also, section on ibandronic acid. See also goserelin in the management of prostatic cancer.	
4.4	Guanfacine	1, 2, 3	Shared Care for the Management of Prescribing for ADHD	
4.2.1	Haloperidol	1, 2	This includes depot antipsychotics. Specialist to initiate and stabilise dose.	
OTC Preparations	Hayfever preparations (OTC antihistamines)	4	See Sheffield STOP list for full details and note circumstances where prescribing may be appropriate.	
10.1.3	Hydroxychloroquine	1, 2, 3	Hydroxychloroquine Prescribing in Adults SCG	
6.6.2	Ibandronic acid	1, 2	Prescribing Guideline - Ibandronic acid in post menopausal women with breast cancer– unlicensed indication . Note, use only ibandronic 50mg tablets.	See also Referral and Management of Breast Cancer .
OTC Preparations	Ibuprofen 200mg - 400mg for acute pain in adults	4	See Sheffield STOP list for full details and note circumstances where prescribing may be appropriate.	
2.12	Icosapent ethyl	1		NICE TA805
13.7	Imiquimod	1		
2.12	Inclisiran		For secondary prevention of cardiovascular disease in line with NICE TA733 - further guidance on implementation to follow.	NICE TA733
Respiratory devices	Inspiratory Muscle Trainer (IMT) Device. e.g. Powerbreathe Medic, Phillips Threshold IMT.	1	See IMT prescribing guidance	
6.1.1.1	Insulin aspart (Fiasp®)	1	For children only, as identified by the secondary care specialist. The first prescription can, with agreement of the primary care clinician, be issued in primary care, subject to receiving a detailed communication, from the specialist, which includes information on the ongoing support and monitoring that secondary care will provide.	
6.1.2	Insulin degludec	1, 2, 3	For use in restricted patient populations. Please take care with the strength of insulin degludec, see: MHRA guidance . Also see amber section for Xultophy®.	
6.1.1	Insulin glargine 300u/ml injection (Toujeo®)		Please prescribe by brand and take care with the strength of insulin.	See MHRA advice

2.6.3	Ivabradine	1	TA267 - Ivabradine for treating chronic heart failure.	NICE CG126 Stable angina management
Prescribing in Palliative Care	Ketamine	1	To be prescribed by Palliative Care Team.	
5.3.1	Lamivudine (including combinations)	1, 5	NHSE commissioned.	
8.3.4.3	Lanreotide	1, 2, 3	Specialist to initiate and stabilise dose.	
9.5.2.2	Lanthanum	1, 5	To be prescribed by renal services, specialised commissioning.	
5.3.3	Ledipasvir with sofosbuvir (Harvoni®)	1, 5	NHSE commissioned.	NICE TA363
10.1.3	Leflunomide	1, 2, 3	Leflunomide SCP	
8.2.4	Lenalidomide	1		
8.3.4.1	Letrozole	1, 2	Treatment: Specialist to initiate and stabilise dose and then recommend GP to take on prescribing for a specified duration, for advice on drug management see: Referral and Management Guidelines for Breast Cancer . See also, section on ibandronic acid.	
8.3.4.2	Leuprorelin	1, 2	Hormonal Management of Prostatic Cancer SCP .	
15.2	Lidocaine plasters	4	See Sheffield STOP list for full details and note circumstances where prescribing may be appropriate.	NICE CG173
15.2	Lidocaine plasters	1	Approved by Sheffield Teaching Hospitals for post operative neuropathic pain of chest drain site (thoracic surgery). This is mainly inpatient use but possibly on discharge for short period of time. Not for continued prescribing. Also, see Black and Amber sections.	NICE CG173
15.2	Lidocaine plasters	1, 2, 3	In exceptional circumstances agreed with pain clinic or palliative care. See prescribing guidance . Also, see Black and Red sections.	NICE CG173
1.6.7	Linacotide		As a third line treatment for moderate to severe irritable bowel syndrome with constipation in adults. See local guidelines .	
5.1.7	Linezolid	1, 5	Refer relevant patients to the STHFT oral linezolid OPAT service	
4.5	Liraglutide (Saxenda®)	4	For use outside the NICE TA 664. See also Red and Amber sections.	
6.1.2	Liraglutide (Victoza®)	1	For Type 2 diabetes in adults:management. See also liraglutide (Victoza®) for children, in Amber section and liraglutide (Saxenda®) in Black section.	NICE NG28
6.1.2	Liraglutide (Victoza®) for children	1, 2	As third line management in children and young people aged 10 years and over. See also liraglutide / Saxenda in Black section.	
4.4	Lisdexamfetamine	1, 2, 3	Shared Care / Prescribing Guideline for the management for prescribing in ADHD	NICE TA98
4.2.3	Lithium carbonate	1, 2	Lithum SCP	
6.1.2.3	Lixisenatide	1		
4.10.3	Lofexidine hydrochloride	1, 2	For the treatment of opioid dependence,If advice available from specialist services, and prescribed in accordance with national treatment guidelines – otherwise RED. Local guidelines available for GPs who agree to prescribe.	
8.1	Lomustine	1, 5	Should not be prescribed in primary care as an oral anticancer medication, in line with NPSA Alert . Exceptions include oral anti cancer medicines where a shared care protocol exists.	
5.3.1	Lopinavir with Ritonavir	1, 5	NHSE commissioned.	
4.8.2	Lorazepam	1	Epilepsy in Adults SCP	NICE CG137
4.8.2	Lorazepam	1	Epilepsy in Children SCG	NICE CG137
9.1.4	Lusutrombopag	1, 5		NICE TA617
2.5.1	Macitentan	1, 5	Patients treated for Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension, NHSE commissioned.	
5.3.1	Maraviroc	1, 5	NHSE commissioned.	
10.1.1	Mefenamic acid	4	Not approved for initiation in new patients diagnosed with dysmenorrhoea or menorrhagia.	
4.1.1	Melatonin (Circadin® 2mg MR tabs and 5mg/5ml oral solution only - in children)	1, 2, 3	Melatonin in treatment of Sleep Disorders in Children SCG .	

4.11	Memantine	1, 2, 3	Dementia SCG	
8.1.3	Mercaptopurine	1, 2, 3	Should not be prescribed in primary care as an oral anticancer medication. Should only be prescribed for inflammatory bowel disease following agreement with a local specialist. Azathioprine and mercaptopurine SCP	
4.10.3	Methadone	1, 5	As opioid substitution therapy. https://www.shsc.nhs.uk/services/opiates-service-sheffield-treatment-and-recovery-team	
10.1.3	Methotrexate	1, 2, 3	Methotrexate SCG	
9.1.3.	Methoxy polyethylene glycol - epoetin beta	1, 5	Renal Anaemia, specialised commissioning.	
Prescribing in Ventricular arrhythmias	Mexiletine	1, 4	Ventricular arrhythmias - unlicensed indication not in BNF	
2.3.2	Mexiletine (Namuscla®)	1, 5	NHSE commissioned	NICE TA748
2.7.2	Midodrine	1, 2, 3	Midodrine SCP	
7.4.2	Mirabegron		For use in those aged 18 years and over, in line with NICE TA 290 for treating the symptoms of overactive bladder only where antimuscarinic drugs are contraindicated or clinically ineffective, or have unacceptable side effects.	NICE TA290
8.1	Mitotane	1, 5	Should not be prescribed in primary care as an oral anticancer medication, in line with NPSA Alert . Exceptions include oral anti cancer medicines where a shared care protocol exists.	
4.7.2	Morphine orodispersible tablets (Actimorph®)		Morphine orodispersible tablets (Actimorph®) are an option for use in vulnerable patient groups, to reduce the risk of accidental or intentional overdose; or where there are dexterity issues.	
8.2.1	Mycophenolate	1, 3	Specialised commissioning; to be prescribed by specialist services for transplant recipients. See also amber section for Adult rheumatology patients with connective tissue disease.	
8.2.1	Mycophenolate	1, 2, 3	Mycophenolate Mofetil SCG . See Red section for transplant recipients.	
4.6	Nabilone	1, 5	For intractable nausea and vomiting.	NICE NG144
1.6.6	Naldemedine	1		NICE TA651
4.10.1	Nalmefene	1, 5	Sheffield Alcohol Service: https://shsc.nhs.uk/service/sheffield-alcohol-services/	NICE TA325
1.6.6	Naloxegol	1		NICE TA345
4.10.3	Naltrexone hydrochloride	1, 2	For the treatment of opioid dependence, If advice available from specialist services, and prescribed in accordance with national treatment guidelines – otherwise RED. Local guidelines available for GPs who agree to prescribe. For alcohol relapse prevention see Green section.	
4.10.3	Naltrexone hydrochloride		If initiated in primary care, to be prescribed by a GP/prescriber with special interest OR experience in alcohol relapse prevention and in conjunction with an offer of psychological interventions. See the prescribing guideline for more information.	
5.3.1	Nevirapine	1, 5	NHSE commissioned.	
10.3.2	NSAIDs (topical) diclofenac sodium, felbinac, ibuprofen, ketoprofen and piroxicam	4	For self-care. See also entry in Green section.	
10.3.2	NSAIDs (topical) diclofenac sodium, felbinac, ibuprofen, ketoprofen and piroxicam		In line with NICE guidance for osteoarthritis. Topical ibuprofen is the Sheffield formulary choice. See also entry in Black section.	NICE NG226
Prescribing in primary biliary cholangitis	Obeticholic acid	1, 5		NICE TA443
8.3.4.3	Octreotide	1, 2, 3	Specialist to initiate and stabilise dose.	
4.2.2	Olanzapine (depot injection)	1	SHSC have stated that they would not be routinely initiating prescriptions.	
4.2.1	Olanzapine (oral medication only)	1, 2	Specialist to initiate and stabilise dose.	

2.12	Omega-3-Fatty Acid capsules (e.g.Omacor®, Prestylon®, Nebbaro® and Maxepa®)	1	For hypertriglyceridaemia to prevent acute pancreatitis.	
4.6	Ondansetron	1	Not normally indicated for primary care use. For unlicensed use in palliative care, see palliative care formulary here	
Respiratory devices	Oscillating Positive Expiratory Pressure (OPEP) Device e.g. Acapella®, Aerobika	1	See OPEP prescribing guidance	
4.7.2	Oxycodone and naloxone combination product (Targinact®)	4	See Sheffield STOP list for full details and note circumstances where prescribing may be appropriate.	
4.2.1	Paliperidone	1	SHSC have stated that they would not be routinely initiating prescriptions.	
OTC Preparations	Paracetamol for acute pain in adults	4	See Sheffield STOP list for full details and note circumstances where prescribing may be appropriate.	
9.2.1.1	Patiromer	1, 5		NICE TA623
8.1.5	Pazopanib	1, 5		NICE TA215
8.2.4	Peginterferon alfa	1, 5	NHSE commissioned. NICE CG165	NICE TA96
5.3.3.2	Peginterferon alfa with ribavirin for treating chronic hepatitis C in adults. See also in Red section for children and young people.	1, 5	NHSE commissioned.	NICE TA200
5.3.3.2	Peginterferon alfa with ribavirin for treating chronic hepatitis C in children and young people. See also in Red section for adults.	1, 5	http://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2015/06/hep-c-cirrrosis-policy-statmnt-0615.pdf	NICE TA300
10.1.3	Penicillamine	1, 2	For the treatment of Wilsons Disease and Cystinuria in adults.	
2.8.1	Pentosan polysulfate sodium	1, 5		NICE TA610
4.9.1	Pergolide	1	Parkinson's Disease SCP	
4.2.1	Pericyazine	1, 2	This includes depot antipsychotics. Specialist to initiate and stabilise dose.	
4.2.1	Perphenazine	1, 2	This includes depot antipsychotics. Specialist to initiate and stabilise dose.	
13.5.3	Pimecrolimus (topical)		When a prescriber is GPwSI in dermatology, or on their recommendation, or is competent in prescribing in dermatological conditions	NICE TA82
4.2.1	Pimozide	1, 2	This includes depot antipsychotics. Specialist to initiate and stabilise dose.	
4.2.1	Pipotiazine Palmitate	1, 2	This includes depot antipsychotics. Specialist to initiate and stabilise dose.	
3.11	Pirfenidone	1, 5		NICE TA504
	Ponesimod	1, 5	NHSE commissioned.	NICE TA767
5.2.1	Posaconazole	1, 5	NHSE commissioned.	
2.9	Prasugrel	1		NICE TA317
OTC Preparations	Probiotics	4	See Sheffield STOP list for full details and note circumstances where prescribing may be appropriate.	
8.1	Procarbazine	1, 5	Should not be prescribed in primary care as an oral anticancer medication, in line with NPSA Alert . Exceptions include oral anti cancer medicines where a shared care protocol exists.	
4.2.1	Prochlorperazine	1, 2	This includes depot antipsychotics. Specialist to initiate and stabilise dose.	
4.2.1	Promazine hydrochloride	1, 2	This includes depot antipsychotics. Specialist to initiate and stabilise dose.	
1.6.7	Prucalopride	1, 2	See prescribing guidance to support specialist initiation and ongoing prescribing in primary care.	
4.2.1	Quetiapine	1, 2	This includes depot antipsychotics. Specialist to initiate and stabilise dose.	
4.2.1	Quetiapine modified release	1	SHSC have stated that they would not be routinely initiating prescriptions.	
5.3.1	Raltegravir	1, 5	NHSE commissioned.	
2.6.3	Ranolazine	1	Cardiologist initiation in line with NICE CG126.	NICE CG126

A 2.4.2 Vitamin and mineral supplements	Renavit®	1	Dietary management of water soluble vitamin deficiency in renal patients receiving dialysis.	
5.1.7	Rifaximin (Targaxan®)	1, 2, 3	For preventing episodes of overt hepatic encephalopathy. Rifaximin guideline	NICE TA337
5.3.1	Rilpivirine (including combinations)	1, 5	NHSE commissioned.	
2.5.1	Riociguat	1, 5	Patients treated for Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension, NHSE commissioned.	
4.2.1	Risperidone	1, 2	This includes depot antipsychotics. Specialist to initiate and stabilise dose.	
5.3.1	Ritonavir	1, 5	NHSE commissioned.	
2.8.2	Rivaroxaban for preventing stroke and systemic embolism in people with non-valvular atrial fibrillation		Local guidelines for the prevention of stroke in non-valvular atrial fibrillation. See Red and Amber sections for other indications.	NICE TA256
2.8.2	Rivaroxaban 2.5mg tablets for patients with coronary artery disease (CAD) or peripheral artery disease (PAD) at high risk of ischaemic events.	1	See Red and Green sections for other indications.	NICE TA607
2.8.2	Rivaroxaban 2.5mg tablets for preventing adverse outcomes after acute management of acute coronary syndrome	1	See also local guidelines . Note: treatment will be initiated in secondary care. See Red and Green sections for other indications.	NICE TA335
2.8.2	Rivaroxaban for the treatment of deep vein thrombosis and prevention of recurrent deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism	1	See Red and Green sections for other indications.	NICE TA261
2.8.2	Rivaroxaban for treating pulmonary embolism and preventing recurrent venous thromboembolism	1	See Red and Green sections for other indications.	NICE TA287
2.8.2	Rivaroxaban: Prophylaxis of venous thromboembolism following hip and knee replacement surgery. Note: full course to be provided by secondary care.	1, 5	See Amber and Green sections for other indications.	NICE TA170
4.11	Rivastigmine	1, 2, 3	Dementia SCG	
3.3.3	Roflumilast	1		NICE TA461
6.6.2	Romosozumab	1, 5		NICE TA791
9.1.3	Roxadustat	1, 5		NICE TA807
5.3.1	Saquinavir	1, 5	NHSE commissioned.	
Prescribing in PAH	Selexipag	1, 5	Patients treated for Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension, NHSE commissioned.	
6.1.2.3	Semaglutide (Ozempic®) and (Rybelsus®)	1		NICE NG28
9.5.2.2	Sevelamer (Renagel®)	1, 5	To be prescribed by renal services, specialised commissioning.	
5.3.3.2	Simeprevir in combination with peginterferon alfa and ribavirin for treating genotypes 1 and 4 chronic hepatitis C.	1, 5	http://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2015/06/hep-c-cirrhosis-policy-statmnt-0615.pdf	NICE TA331
8.2.4	Siponimod	1, 5		NICE TA656
8.2.2	Sirolimus	1, 5	NHSE commissioned.	
4.1.1	Sodium Oxybate	3	In adults, not previously treated with sodium oxybate for narcolepsy with cataplexy. See red section for children and for adults who have transitioned from children's to adult services and have already been prescribed this drug for narcolepsy.	
5.3.3.2	Sofosbuvir for treating chronic hepatitis C	1, 5	http://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2015/06/hep-c-cirrhosis-policy-statmnt-0615.pdf	NICE TA330
6.5.1	Somatropin (Adults)	1, 2	The treatment of Adults with Growth Hormone (Somatropin)SCG	
6.5.1	Somatropin (Children) Human growth hormone (somatropin) for the treatment of growth failure in children	1, 2	The treatment of Children with Recombinant Human Growth Hormone SCG	NICE TA188
5.3.1	Stavudine	1, 5	NHSE commissioned.	
6.6.2	Strontium Ranelate	1		
4.10.3	Suboxone®	1, 5	As opioid substitution therapy. https://www.shsc.nhs.uk/services/opiates-service-sheffield-treatment-and-recovery-team	

1.3.3	Sucralfate	1	Only on specialist advice for licenced and off-label indications, which include: in highly selected cases with severe refractory oesophageal ulceration with dysphagia and bleeding and as a temporary measure to help with post banding bleeding in varices . Review after 8-12 weeks of continued use.	
9.5.2	Sucroferric oxyhydroxide	1, 5	NHSE commissioned.	NICE NG203
10.1.3	Sulfasalazine	1, 2, 3	Sulfasalazine SCG	
4.2.1	Sulpiride	1, 2	This includes depot antipsychotics. Specialist to initiate and stabilise dose.	
8.2.2	Tacrolimus (oral)	1	See GREEN section for topical tacrolimus.	
13.5.3	Tacrolimus (topical)		When a prescriber is GPwSI in dermatology, or on their recommendation, or is competent in prescribing in dermatological conditions. See also Red section for oral tacrolimus.	NICE TA82
4.7.2	Tapentadol	3		
8.1	Tegafur with gimeracil and oteracil	1, 5	Should not be prescribed in primary care as an oral anticancer medication, in line with NPSA Alert . Exceptions include oral anti cancer medicines where a shared care protocol exists.	
8.1	Temozolomide	1, 5	Should not be prescribed in primary care as an oral anticancer medication, in line with NPSA Alert . Exceptions include oral anti cancer medicines where a shared care protocol exists.	
5.3.1	Tenofovir Alafenamide (including combinations)	1, 5	NHSE commissioned.	
5.3.1	Tenofovir Disoproxil (including combinations)	1, 5	NHSE commissioned.	
8.2.4	Teriflunomide	1, 5	NHSE commissioned.	NICE TA303
6.4.2	Testosterone: topical preparations for post-menopausal women	1, 2, 3	Topical testosterone replacement therapy in postmenopausal women SCP . See also green section	NICE NG23
6.4.2	Testosterone: topical preparations for post-menopausal women		Only where primary care prescriber has knowledge and competency to initiate testosterone without referral to the menopause clinic. See also amber section and Topical testosterone replacement therapy in postmenopausal women SCP	NICE NG23
8.2.4	Thalidomide	1		
4.8.1	Tiagabine	1	Epilepsy in Children SCG	NICE CG137
2.9	Ticagrelor	1	NICE TA420 for preventing atherothrombotic events after myocardial infarction.	NICE TA236 for the treatment of acute coronary syndromes
2.8.1	Tinzaparin	1	Unless guidance available.	
8.1	Tioguanine	1, 5	Should not be prescribed in primary care as an oral anticancer medication, in line with NPSA Alert . Exceptions include oral anti cancer medicines where a shared care protocol exists.	
5.3.1	Tipranavir	1, 5	NHSE commissioned.	
10.2.2	Tizanidine	1, 2, 3	Specialist prescribing for first 4 months.	
5.1.4	Tobramycin	5	Specialised commissioning. To be prescribed by cystic fibrosis services. See also Amber section for non-cystic fibrosis bronchiectasis indication.	
3.7	Tobramycin	1, 2, 3	For non-cystic fibrosis bronchiectasis; see SCG . See Red section for cystic fibrosis.	
4.9.1	Tolcapone	1, 5	NHSE commissioned.	
4.9.1	Tolcapone	1	Parkinson's Disease SCP	
6.5.2	Tolvaptan		SIADH Tolvaptan in the Syndrome of Inappropriate Anti-diuretic Hormone .	NICE TA358
8.3.4.1	Toremifene	1, 2	Treatment: Specialist to initiate and stabilise dose and then recommend GP to take on prescribing for a specified duration, for advice on drug management see: Referral and Management Guidelines for Breast Cancer . See also, section on ibandronic acid.	

Unlicensed not listed in current BNF	Treprostinil	1, 5	Patients treated for Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension.	
8.1	Tretinoin	1, 5	Should not be prescribed in primary care as an oral anticancer medication, in line with NPSA Alert . Exceptions include oral anti cancer medicines where a shared care protocol exists.	
4.2.1	Trifluoperazine	1, 2	This includes depot antipsychotics. Specialist to initiate and stabilise dose.	
8.3.4.2	Triptorelin Acetate 11.25mg	1, 2	Hormonal Management of Prostatic Cancer SCP .	
8.3.4.2	Triptorelin Pamoate 22.5mg	1, 2	Hormonal Management of Prostatic Cancer SCP .	
5.3.2	Valganciclovir	1, 5	NHSE commissioned.	
5.1.7	Vancomycin (oral)		If prescribed in line with NICE NG199 as a first line antibiotic for a first episode of mild, moderate or severe C.difficile infection. See also fidaxomicin in Amber section.	NICE NG199
7.4.5	Vardenafil	1, 2	If SLS criteria not met a GP may provide a private prescription (detailed in HSC 1999/148). See also entry in green section.	
7.4.5	Vardenafil		SLS criteria applies - prescriptions may be issued for patients eligible for NHS treatment (as per SI 2004 No 629), otherwise RED. Note - Patients with Severe Distress are not covered by SLS criteria (as detailed in HSC 1999/177).	HSC 1999/177
4.10.2	Varenicline	5	Clients over 12 years and non-pregnant women should be signposted to the commissioned Stop Smoking service. http://sheffield.yorkshiresmokefree.nhs.uk/	
14.4	Varicella – Zoster vaccine (Zostavax®)	3	For routine vaccination against herpes zoster (shingles) other than in accordance with the national programme for vaccinating those aged 70 to 79 years.	
5.3.3	Velpatasvir with sofosbuvir (Epclusa®)	1, 5	NHSE commissioned.	NICE TA430
5.3.3	Velpatasvir with sofosbuvir and voxilaprevir (Vosevi®)	1, 5	NHSE commissioned.	NICE TA507
4.3.4	Venlafaxine at doses of 300 mg daily or above	1, 2, 3	Higher doses of venlafaxine have greater potential to exacerbate cardiac arrhythmias and hypertension. See also venlafaxine in green section.	
5.2.1	Venlafaxine modified and immediate release		SHSC have stated that they would not be routinely initiating prescriptions for modified release preparations. For total daily doses of 300mg or above see Amber section.	
8.1	Vinorelbine	1, 5	Should not be prescribed in primary care as an oral anticancer medication, in line with NPSA Alert . Exceptions include oral anti cancer medicines where a shared care protocol exists.	
9.6.2	Vitamin B Compound/Compound Strong/Complex	4	See Sheffield STOP list for full details. Thiamine should be used for patients at high risk of developing Wernicke's encephalopathy.	
5.2.1	Voriconazole	1, 5	NHSE commissioned.	
4.3.4	Vortioxetine		NICE NG222 Depression in adults: treatment and management	NICE TA367 Vortioxetine for treating major depressive episodes
6.1.2.	Xultophy® (insulin degludec 100 unit per 1 ml , liraglutide 3.6mg per 1 ml)	1, 2, 3	Also see amber section: insulin degludec.	
14.4	Yellow fever (Travel vaccines administered exclusively for the purpose of travel.)	4	See Sheffield STOP list for full details.	See local guidance for details of exceptions.
5.3.1	Zidovudine (including combinations)	1, 5	NHSE commissioned.	
4.2.1	Zuclopenthixol	1, 2	This includes depot antipsychotics. Specialist to initiate and stabilise dose.	
4.2.1	Zuclopenthixol acetate	1, 2	This includes depot antipsychotics. Specialist to initiate and stabilise dose.	