

Medicines Matters



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The following new content has been uploaded to the Medicines Optimisation site on the Primary Care intranet up to the date of this circulation and can be accessed here [Medicines optimisation – Lancashire and South Cumbria Primary Care Intranet](#)

Prescribing guidance – Lancashire and South Cumbria Primary Care Intranet

- **Medicines Matters bulletin issue 14** - [best interest opioid reductions July 2025](#)
- **Medicines Matters bulletin issue 15** - [Incretin-based therapies \(GLP-1 receptor agonists\) and Hormone Replacement Therapy \(HRT\) July 2025](#)
- **Medicines Matters bulletin issue 16** - [treatment of iron deficiency anaemia July 2025](#)
- **Medicine Matters bulletin issue 16 related search** - [EMIS search to help practices identify patients prescribed iron supplements and receiving more than 28 tablets.](#)
- **Medicines Matters bulletin issue 17** - [Medicines Matters bulletin issue 17 formulary update July 2025 v1.1](#)

LES Resources 2025 2026 – Lancashire and South Cumbria Primary Care Intranet

- **Diabetes** -
 - A slide presentation from guest speaker Dr Cathy Hay – Consultant Physician in Diabetes and Endocrinology and Deputy Medical Director – [Prescribers Meeting 03.0.25 Dr Cathy Hay Type 2 diabetes, newer drugs and their place in therapy](#)
- **Optimise Rx** –
 - Introductory webinar for prescribers using Optimise Rx – [Webinar: Introduction to FDB Optimise Rx by FDB \(First Databank\)](#)
 - FDB engagement hub contains links to a series of webinars providing an overview of Optimise Rx and a downloadable prescribers guide - [Engagement Hub | FDB \(First Databank\)](#)
- **Resources for Meds Co-ordinators** - [MCO Job Description NEW May 2025](#)
- **Repeat Prescribing** –
 - The Repeat Prescribing toolkit aims to support GP practice teams and primary care networks – [RCGP Repeat Prescribing Toolkit](#)
 - Primary Care Good Prescribing Guide - [Primary Care Good Prescribing Guide](#)
 - 7 day Prescriptions Guidance - [7 day Rx guidance v3 \(1\)](#)
 - EPS Tracker Quick Guide - [EPS Tracker Quick Guide](#)
 - Medicines Reconciliation - [Medicines Reconciliation \(1\)](#)
 - Prescription Security Template Policy - [PRESCRIPTION SECURITY TEMPLATE POLICY KH \(1\)](#)

Clinical areas

- **Cardiovascular** -
 - **Atrial Fibrillation** –
 - Updated commissioning recommendations - [Commissioning recommendations for national procurement for direct-acting oral anticoagulant\(s\) \(DOACs\)](#)
 - [Reviewing DOAC prescribing](#)
 - Table of anticoagulant comparisons supporting anticoagulant choice, initiation and review - [attachment-8-oral-anticoagulation-table-of-anticoagulant-comparisons-20](#)
 - **Lipid Management** –
 - Q&A document aimed for use in general practice to support and improve statin prescribing and help dispel some myths around statins- [Let's talk about statins QA with summary V1](#)
 - A digital slide aimed at patients, containing some simple but key messages related to statin use - [LSC Statins digital slide V1](#)
 - A summary document including a list of patient/public facing resources - [Summary of Lipid Resources July 25](#)
- **Central nervous system and dependence-forming meds** –
 - **Community of Practice** –
 - **Fylde Coast** - [Community of Practice meeting 9th July 2025](#) - A patients lived experience of reducing her opioids and how that has changed her life.