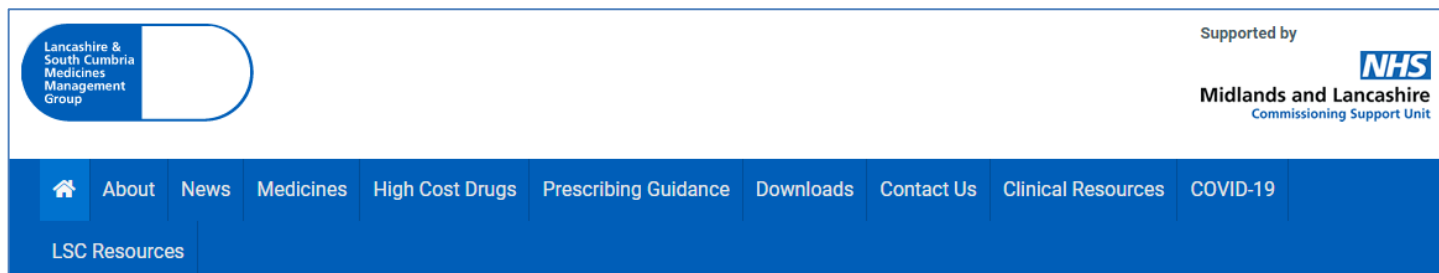


Prescribing tip for information

How to navigate the Lancashire & South Cumbria Medicines Management Group (LSCMMG) website



The new look [LSCMMG website](#) can be accessed directly or there is a link from our CCG [SharePoint](#) site.

1. **Medicines Recommendations.**

LMMG rates a drug with a specific colour classification.

- **Green** - Appropriate for initiation and ongoing prescribing in both primary and secondary care
- **Green (Restricted)** - Appropriate for initiation and ongoing prescribing provided additional criteria are met.
- **Amber 0** - Suitable for prescribing following recommendation or initiation by a specialist. Little/no monitoring required.
- **Amber 1** - Suitable for prescribing following recommendation or initiation by a specialist under a **shared care** agreement. Minimal monitoring required.
- **Amber 2** - Initiated by specialist and transferred to primary care following a successful initiation period, under a shared care/enhanced service. Significant monitoring required on an on-going basis.
- **Red** - Medicine is supplied by the hospital for the duration of the treatment course. **Do not prescribe.**
- **Grey** - Medicines which have not yet been reviewed/are under the review process. **Do not prescribe.**
- **Black** - **NOT** recommended for use by the NHS in Lancashire. **Do not prescribe.**

Please note a drug may have more than one classification depending on the indication for which it is used.

E.g. Pregabalin is **GREEN** for neuropathic pain (following LMMG guidelines)

Pregabalin is **BLACK** for generalised anxiety disorder.

Please check the RAG rating for an individual drug with our local CCG choice.

2. **High Cost Drugs**

Information on the CCG funding position for high cost drugs and NHS England commissioned drugs.

3. **Prescribing Guidance**

- ❖ **LMMG Guidelines** on various topics such as asthma, COPD, erectile dysfunction, gout and headache.
- ❖ **Information Leaflets** for prescribers such as dementia prescribing, melatonin and trans gender information. Also leaflets for patients such as vitamin D therapy.
- ❖ **Position Statements** on the prescribing of generic biosimilars, E Cigarettes, melatonin, vitamins & minerals and 'out of area prescribing.'
- ❖ **Shared care guidelines** such as ADHD, Antipsychotics, and several disease modifying agents-DMARDs

4. **Downloads**

New medicine application forms and minutes of previous monthly LMMG meetings.

5. **Clinical resources**

Information for patients and prescribers on pain, opioids, and vitamin D.

6. **COVID-19**

This is the link to a useful MLCSU COVID resource page with links to a variety of resources that have emerged during the COVID period such as 'Vitamin B12 replacement' or 'Asthma and COPD rescue packs'.

7. **LSC resources**

LSC policies on flash or continuous glucose monitoring devices and insulin pumps.

Information on LSC ICS Proxy ordering of medication in Care Homes

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