

Prescribing Tip For Information

Greener NHS – Lancashire & South Cumbria (LSC) Inhaler Resources

[Greener NHS \(england.nhs.uk\)](https://www.england.nhs.uk) is proposing a shift in prescribing towards lower carbon inhalers which will deliver a **reduction of 4%** in the carbon footprint of NHS health and social care.



The Greener NHS programme will work to reduce the impact on public health and the environment, save money and reach net carbon zero.

Lancashire and South Cumbria (LSC) have produced [four key documents](#) to assist clinicians in their mission to reduce the environmental impact of inhalers on our environment. These can be found on our local LSCMMG website under 'LSC Resources'.

- [Key points for greener inhaler reviews](#)– Key information on the green agenda and important points to consider in undertaking the work.
- [Resources to support greener inhaler reviews](#)– These documents & references give background information to support clinician/patient education, awareness & engagement; this will help you to plan your practice actions.
- [Actions for the IIF indicators 22/23](#)– This outlines some practical options available on how to approach any switches/optimisation of treatment i.e., searches, protocols, leaflets, online tools etc.
- [Practice staff inhaler information](#)– This is to support practice administration/reception staff to deal with some simple queries that patients may have. Ideal to laminate and use as a handy reference for staff.

[The Investment and Impact Fund 2022/23](#) will reward increased prescribing of dry powder inhalers (DPIs) and soft mist inhalers (SMIs) where clinically appropriate. It will also reward increased prescribing of less carbon intensive salbutamol pressurised metered dose inhalers (pMDIs).

[NHS England » Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service \(DES\)](#) asks PCNs to actively work with its ICB locality to optimise the quality of local prescribing and reduce the quantity of high carbon inhalers issued.

[The NICE patient decision aid](#) and the [PrescQIPP Inhaler carbon footprint comparison tool](#) are useful guides to prompt a discussion re the carbon footprint of different inhaler types with your patients.

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If you have any suggestions for future topics to cover in our prescribing tips please contact Nicola.schaffel@nhs.net

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