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MEDICINES SHORTAGE ADVISORY GROUP WALES

MEDICINE SHORTAGE

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Category:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Level 1 – Low impact
Title:	Access to updated information regarding medicine shortages
For Action by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All General Practitioners – please ensure this message is seen by all working in your dispensary and retain a copy in your 'locum information pack'.• Dispensing General Practitioners – please ensure this message is seen by all working in your dispensary and retain a copy in your 'locum information pack'.• Community Pharmacists• Chief Pharmacists• Medical Directors• Dentists• Optometrists
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What is this about: Raising awareness of the new NHS Wales Medicines Shortage Log
Issue & Action to be taken: Background The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has overall responsibility for ensuring the continuity of the supply of medicines to the UK. The Welsh Government works closely with DHSC and NHS Wales medicines procurement leads to manage the supply of medicines to NHS Wales. In February 2019 we established the Medicines Shortage Advisory Group Wales (MSAG) to further support the management of medicines shortages in Wales. Over recent months I have issued a number of Medicines Shortage Letters to NHS Wales for shortages which required action by prescribers or dispensers (rather than being managed through business as usual processes). NHS Wales Medicines Shortage Log Given the increasing number of medicine shortage letters and changes to or additional advice provided in relation to the management of specific shortages we have agreed to publish weekly, the NHS Wales Medicines Shortage Log which will provide a high level summary of current and resolved medicines shortages. The Medicines Shortage Log provides a single page view of medicine shortages and includes information on any formulations and strengths that are in short supply; their anticipated resupply date(s); and links to other useful information (including Medicines Shortage Letters and clinical advice endorsed by clinical networks and Royal Colleges). When medicines are no longer in short supply they will appear in the archive section of the Medicines Shortage Log. The log will be updated weekly and published every Thursday on the NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership intranet . The log can be accessed at: http://howis.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/page.cfm?orgid=428&pid=77202 Queries For queries about this letter please contact: Medicinesshortages@gov.wales

Yours sincerely



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