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MEDICINE SHORTAGE

Distribution:	As Annex 1
From:	Andrew Evans, Chief Pharmaceutical Officer
Date:	10 September 2019
Reference:	CPhO/MedsLet/2019/13
Category:	Level 3 - High impact
Title:	Disruption to supply of Fluoxetine 10mg Capsules
For Action by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All General Practitioners - retain a copy in your 'locum information pack'. Action as below.• Dispensing General Practitioners – please ensure this message is seen by all working in your dispensary and retain a copy in your 'locum information pack'. Action as below.• Community Pharmacists - Action as below.• Hospital Chief Pharmacists - Action as below.• Medical Directors of Health Boards - disseminate to relevant clinicians in secondary care setting – Action as below.
Timeframe:	Action within 24 hrs
For Information:	See Annex 1 – Distribution List
Key Recipients:	<p>Chief Executives of Health Boards</p> <p>Nurse Directors Health Boards</p>



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What is this about:

Disruption to the supply of Fluoxetine 10mg Capsules.

Description of product affected:

Fluoxetine 10mg Capsules.

Issue & Action to be taken:

ISSUE

Disruption to the supply of Fluoxetine 10mg Capsules is expected until the end of November 2019.

Indications

Adults :

- Major depressive episodes.
- Obsessive–compulsive disorder.
- Bulimia nervosa: Fluoxetine is indicated as a complement of psychotherapy for the reduction of binge–eating and purging activity.

Children and Adolescents Aged 8 Years and Above:

Moderate to severe major depressive episode, if depression is unresponsive to psychological therapy after 4-6 sessions. Antidepressant medication should be offered to a child or young person with moderate to severe depression only in combination with a concurrent psychological therapy.

ACTION:

Alternatives

Fluoxetine 10mg tablets are available.

Clinicians may be required to switch patients to alternative formulation.

QUERIES

For all correspondence please contact:

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Please forward to listed recipients.

Yours sincerely



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