

Dear Date.....

Patient name	
Address	
Age	
Discharge date	
Hospital	
Diagnosed condition(s)	
Relevant prescribing recommendations	

Thank you for your recent letter requesting me to continue/initiate prescribing of the above medication. You may be aware that health economies across the UK provide strategic frameworks within which prescribers are recommended to operate. Decisions are based on assessment of clinical and financial risk, and of existing service provision within the area, as agreed by the Northamptonshire Prescribing Advisory Group (NPAG) and local Medicines Management Clinical Committees. In Northamptonshire, as elsewhere, this is called the Traffic Light Scheme.

Further information on the Northamptonshire Traffic Light scheme can be found at <http://nww.pathfinder-rf.northants.nhs.uk/nene/?tab=therapeutics>

I regret that I am advised by this scheme not to prescribe the above medication in primary care for the following reason:

Medicine Classification	Reason	Tick
Red	Specialist only.	
Amber 1	Request by a specialist for transfer of care to the GP must include monitoring and general information and be supported by a Trust-approved shared care protocol if available or, if not, then an interim monitoring guideline; sufficient information has not been given to enable me to prescribe.	
Amber 2	Request by a specialist for transfer of care to the GP must include monitoring and general information; sufficient information has not been given to enable me to prescribe.	
Double red - restricted list	Not suitable for prescribing in primary or secondary care due to lack of efficacy or good clinical evidence. If you wish to recommend this medicine then please complete and submit a prior approval form which is available at - http://nww.pathfinder-rf.northants.nhs.uk/nene/therapeutics/prior-approval/	
Grey list	Awaiting decision at next NPAG meeting; recommended not to prescribe at present.	

Thank you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely

Please print name:

cc Prescribing Team, Nene & Corby Clinical Commissioning Groups, Francis Crick House, Summerhouse Road, Moulton Park Industrial Park, Northampton NN3 6BF **AND**

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