



➤ **[Asthma inhalers and the environment patient decision aid \(NG80\)](#)**

NICE have produced a new patient decision aid to help people with asthma make informed decisions about their choice of inhaler in relation to its contribution to climate change. Utilising this patient decision aid alongside our local [Adult](#) and [Paediatric](#) Asthma guidance will help GP surgeries achieve their IIF and PAF indicators.

➤ **[Medicines advice from Specialist Pharmacy Services \(SPS\)](#)**

Healthcare professionals in primary care (including community pharmacy) can now access medicines advice using a single contact number 03007708564 or email [asksps.nhs@sps.direct](mailto:asksps.nhs@sps.direct)

➤ **[Phytomenadione ordering for practices in North Northants](#)**

GP surgeries in Corby, East Northants, Kettering and Wellingborough Localities can order packs of phytomenadione via the Prescribing and Medicines Management Team ([northantsicb.medicinemanagementteam@nhs.net](mailto:northantsicb.medicinemanagementteam@nhs.net)). Each box contains five 0.2ml ampoules of phytomenadione 10mg/ml (2mg) and five oral dispensers. The vitamin K made available to GP Practices is licensed for specific oral use.

➤ **[Carefine Insulin Pen Needles being re-branded as Greenfine](#)**

Please be aware that from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 that Carefine insulin pen needles are being re-branded as Greenfine insulin pen needles. Since these are one of our preferred choices of insulin pen needles the [ICB's Pen Needles and Safety Needle Devices guidance](#) has been updated.

➤ **[Every Yellow Card report helps to improve patient safety](#)**

**The Yellow Card scheme** is vital in helping the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) monitor the safety of all healthcare products in the UK to ensure they are acceptably safe for patients and users. Reports can be made for suspected adverse drug reactions (ADRs) to **all** medicines and medical devices.

- **For established medicines and vaccines** you should report all **serious** suspected ADRs, even if the effect is well recognised. You do not have to prove causality to report a suspected ADR, only a suspicion is needed.
- **New medicines and vaccines** that are under additional monitoring have an inverted black triangle symbol (▼) displayed in their package leaflet and summary of product characteristic, together with a short sentence explaining what the triangle means – it does not mean the medicine is unsafe. You should report **all** suspected ADRs for these products.

For medicines, you can report using your clinical IT systems SystemOne and EMIS. You can also use the free Yellow Card app available to download from Apple App Store or Google Play Store – just search 'Yellow Card'.

➤ **[Antibiotic effectiveness for children with lower respiratory infections](#)**

Study (n=758) found antibiotics for uncomplicated chest infections, even in more unwell children, are unlikely to be clinically very effective, with use linked to a non-significant reduction of ~1 day in duration of symptoms rated moderately bad or worse for the whole cohort.