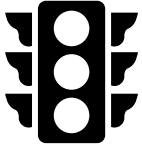




Traffic Light Classification for Prescribing



RED: responsibility for prescribing remains with a hospital consultant or specialist

AMBER: requires shared care between the specialist and the GP. Either Specialist Initiated (SI) or Specialist Recommended (SR).

GREEN: routinely prescribed. Some may be Specialist Initiated (SI) or Specialist Recommended (SR).

DOUBLE RED: not routinely commissioned. Requires Prior Approval (PA) via northantsicb.priorapproval@nhs.net or Individual Funding Request (IFR) to be requested by the clinician recommending the medicine.

GREY: holding category for medicines not yet classified.

Shared Care



Shared care is undertaken according to [NHSE](#) and [GMC](#) guidance. In transfer of responsibility, please ensure:

- If a Shared Care Protocol exists, the patient's condition fits the criteria stated.
- Sufficient information is shared.
- The medicine has been classified as **AMBER** for use across Northamptonshire.

Medicines Supply in Secondary Care



Outpatients:

- Medicines required within 28 days will be supplied by the hospital (28 days will be supplied in most cases).

Discharge:

- 28-days treatment will be supplied except in line with a dispensing for discharge policy (minimum 14 days) or where a shorter duration is clinically indicated.

ED attendance:

- 14-days treatment will be supplied except where a shorter duration is clinically indicated.