



Northern Lincolnshire
Area Prescribing Committee

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## **New Patient Treatments**

Several new treatments have been added to the Formulary. These are:

Easyhaler Budesonide in Chapter 3.2. This is used in Step 2 of the Asthma Pathway in the age group 5-12 years. This allows dry powder dosage flexibility of 200-400mcg/day BDP equivalent, which other DPI devices do not.

Relvar Ellipta in Chapter 3.2. This inhaler contains fluticasone furoate and vilanterol. There are two strengths available, which are 92mcg/22mcg and 184mcg/22mcg. Only the 92/22 strength is licenced for COPD. Relvar Ellipta can be used in COPD as licenced. There is little established data for use in asthma and therefore Relvar Ellipta is to remain specialist initiated for asthmatics. Both strengths are high dose inhaled steroids that are only to be used in Step 4 of the Asthma Pathway. The lower strength (92/22) is to be used in a similar position of the COPD pathway to where Seretide 500 Accuhaler has been used historically.

Viridal Duo in Chapter 7.4.5. This is an injection containing alprostadil, similar to Caverject. Caverject currently has a long term supply issue (estimated 2016) and so Viridal Duo has been added to the Formulary. All strengths of Viridal Duo (10, 20 and 40 micrograms) are available.

Pixantrone has been added to Chapter 8.1.2. This can be used as monotherapy for treating multiply relapsed or refractory aggressive non-Hodgkin's B-cell lymphoma as per NICE TA306.

Aflibercept is already Formulary, but now is associated with NICE TA305 (for treating visual impairment caused by macular oedema secondary to central retinal vein occlusion) as well as TA294.

## **Asthma and COPD Pathways**

New Asthma and COPD pathways have been added to the APC website and Chapter 3 of the Formulary. These are guidance documents for treating respiratory conditions in the most appropriate way for the Northern Lincolnshire population. If you have any questions, please email richard.neilson@nhs.net.

The Prescribing Formulary and related information can be found here:

www.northernlincolnshireapc.nhs.uk.