



BSW Formulary Updates and Recent Decisions – January 2025

New additions to BSWformulary and Change in Traffic Light Status (TLS)

- **Prasterone pessaries for vaginal atrophy** – added with **GREEN** TL as a third line option.
- **Tadalafil 5mg daily for erectile dysfunction** – added with **GREEN** TL for patients meeting SLS criteria.

New and Updated Prescribing Guidelines and Shared Care Agreements

- **UPDATED – Antibiotic Guidance** – updated to include new NICE guidance NG112 on the use of methenamine in the recurrent UTI section. This is a third line non-antibiotic choice for patients requiring long term prophylaxis.
- **NEW – Pre-term Vitamin and Mineral Guidance** – provides information for continued prescribing in primary care.
- **UPDATE - Asthma Guidelines 16 years and above** – updated according to NICE guidance and includes updated regimes.
- **UPDATE – Asthma Guidelines Paediatrics** – updated according to NICE guidance.

Minor amendments to Netformulary

- Glucomen Areo removed as meter of choice and no longer FOC
- Bevacizumab Gamma added to formulary as per NICE TA1022
- Methenamine Hippurate updated advice on use as per NG112
- Catephen TLS change from RED to GREEN due to MSN
- St Mark's solution added with RED TL, unlicensed for inpatients due to Dioralyte shortages
- Quinagolide 75mg strength added to formulary
- Licensed version of thiamine injection added to formulary as RED TLS
- Sucralfate entry updated to include new licensed indications

What the BSW ICB formulary team are currently working on

- Updating HRT guidance and reviewing the use of testosterone in women shared care agreement.
- Updating the over-active bladder guidance
- Updating the erectile dysfunction guidance
- Review the dronedarone SCA
- Review the overactive bladder guidance

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