



BSW Formulary Updates and Recent Decisions – January 2026

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

- [Accu-Chek Smartguide CGM](#) – added to formulary with **AMBER** traffic light as another option (not 1st line). This sensor has the added benefit of a predictive function which will be useful for unstable patients and care home patients.
- [Semglee \(Insulin glargine\) Biosimilar Insulin](#) – added to formulary with **GREEN** traffic light as first line for new patients. **Note - Units are exclusive to Semglee and are not interchangeable with other insulin analogues**
- [Sulthiame liquid](#) – added to formulary with **RED** traffic light as third line treatment option for self-limited epilepsy with centrotemporal spikes as per NICE NG217.
- [Pristinamycin](#) – added to formulary with **RED** traffic light for use by specialists in sexual health for resistant Mycoplasma genitalium.
- [Paediatric Sodium Chloride](#) – added to formulary with **RED** traffic light as a licensed product is now available.
- [Metformin for prediabetes in Severe Mental Illness](#) – approved for adding to formulary with **GREEN** traffic light for the indication of prediabetes in adults with SMI where dietary and lifestyle interventions have not worked or where people are unable to engage in these interventions.

New and Updated Prescribing Guidelines and Shared Care Agreements

- [Amiodarone Shared Care Agreement](#) – Published and approved for use.
- [CAP updates to antibiotic guidance and Quick Reference Guide for Children](#) – updated to reflect recent updates to National guidance for the treatment of Community Acquired Pneumonia in children.

Minor amendments to Netformulary

- Tresiba FlexTouch pens – these have been out of stock and now formally discontinued.
- MMRV vaccine – included on formulary as per the updated NHS routine childhood vaccination programme.
- Levetiracetam entries – these have been updated to include the DSU as there has been a change to the dosage syringes.
- Constipation in children – updates have been made to the pathway which has been approved by specialist paediatrics pharmacists at each of the trusts before publishing.
- Carbetocin – GWH asked for the pre-filled syringes to be included in the formulary entry.
- Paracetamol suppositories – there have been stock issues with 120mg so 125mg strength has been added to formulary.

What the BSW ICB formulary team are currently working on

- Update to the PPI Guidance
- DMARD SCA update
- HRT guidance update
- Childhood vaccinations update

The BSW joint formulary remains under construction and is designed to be an evolving, dynamic resource. We are working to ensure the messages on GP prescribing systems and Optimise Profiles are in line with the joint formulary. If you discover information you believe to be inaccurate or misleading, or for further information, email bswicb.formulary@nhs.net