Bath and North East Somerset,
Swindon and Wiltshire Together

BSW Formulary Updates and Recent Decisions – June 2026

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

- **Absolute Alcohol** – added to formulary with **RED** traffic light for use within trusts for use in coeliac plexus neurolysis in pancreatic cancer painin line with NICE NG85.
- **Intravenous Ibuprofen** – added to formulary with **RED** traffic light for use within trusts in paediatrics around oral surgery when oral products are not suitable.

New and Updated Prescribing Guidelines and Shared Care Agreements

- **SGLT2's for Heart Failure** – updated inline with NICE guidance which recommends early initiation of the four core therapies and dapagliflozin & empagliflozin changed to a **GREEN** traffic light status to enable GP initiation
- **Postural Hypotension Guidance** – revised guidance that includes pyridostigmine (**AMBER** suitable for GP prescribing following specialist initiation or recommendation).

Minor amendments to Netformulary

- Capsacin (topical cream 0.025% and 0.075%) – moved back onto formulary as available and in stock.
- Meningitis guidelines – updated to include ceftriaxone as meningitis is a new indication.
- Unlicensed triamcinolone injection – added for use in paediatrics, which has been approved by paediatric pharmacists within trusts.
- First line comment removed from gliclazide and sitagliptin following the updated NICE guidance NG28 and Ibandronic SCA updated to include further option via secondary care.
- Levemir – entries updated to reflect that abasaglar is no longer an option due to stock issues. Switch work is still ongoing.

What the BSW ICB formulary team are currently working on

- **Melatonin guidance for use in paediatrics**
- **Update to HRT guidance**
- **Rimegepant and atogepant acute migraine 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