

Quick Formulary Guide Document

The formulary aims to provide information on medicines available to prescribers in Dorset, reflecting safe, evidence-based, cost-effective choices. Whilst the formulary contains links to relevant policies and guidelines, the prescriber retains the responsibility for the appropriate use of this information.

The home page contains a news feed, Primary and Secondary Care information links, useful website links and Drug Decision Making and Formulary Management information. You can 'google' Dorset Formulary on your mobile phone/device to access site.

Each BNF chapter also has useful "chapter links" providing information about treatment pathways, links to NICE guidance and CCG position statements.

To search for a drug:

- Enter item/condition in the search bar. This will give a list of possible choices. Select an entry and it will take you directly to the item and any information associated with it.

Search a chapter:

- Select 'Chapters' from the home page. You have the option to search a complete chapter. e.g., Chapter 4 – Respiratory or search medicines A-Z. Scroll through to choose subject/drug category and open relevant page.

How to identify the formulary status of a drug:

- Each drug will have a colour assigned to it; this is its [Traffic Light Status](#). This shows under which circumstances the item is allowed to be prescribed. If the drug entry also has a green background, this signifies that the drug status is green AND first choice.

How to identify a Shared Care Guideline (SCG) drug:

- Search for the drug within the formulary. The traffic light status will be amber colour with SCG within it. The shared care guidance will be available to access via a link on the righthand side of the page with any other relevant information.

SystemOne:

- The Dorset CCG Formulary is available on SystemOne. This contains all the drugs available to prescribe within Dorset (Green & Amber categories only)

Useful links

- The Dorset Formulary can be accessed at www.dorsetformulary.nhs.uk
- For medicines related queries please contact a member of the team at medicine.question@nhsdorset.nhs.uk