

**Immediate prescription  
required within the next 14  
days?**

- **PRESCRIBE** the drug
- **DO NOT request the GP prescribes**

**New medication being  
initiated in Secondary Care?**

- **The clinician who wishes to initiate medication for the patient should undertake appropriate pre-treatment assessment and counselling**
- They are responsible for communicating the rationale for treatment, including benefits, risks & alternatives, arranging any follow-up requirements that might be necessary, and documenting all of this in any related correspondence

**Ongoing prescribing from  
GP required?**

- Please check the locally agreed Prescribing Formulary to ensure that the intended prescription is appropriate to prescribe, and potentially appropriate for continuation in Primary Care (RAG status)
- This is particularly important for any AMBER medications and those that require monitoring, for medications that are being used off-license and for any newer medications that may be unfamiliar to other clinicians

**Links to local formularies**

- <https://formulary.panmerseyapc.nhs.uk/>
- <https://www.cheshireformulary.nhs.uk/>

**More information:**

<https://www.cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk/latest/publications/plans-and-strategies/primary-and-secondary-care-interface/>