

Memorandum of understanding for the supply of Fidaxomicin for the treatment of Clostridium difficile

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To: GP, Community Pharmacists, LPC, Hospital Pharmacists, Microbiologists

Currently there is a prolonged supply issue for with vancomycin capsules in the community. Fidaxomicin is recognised as an effective alternative for the treatment of Clostridium difficile.

Fidaxomicin is an amber drug which means that it may be prescribed by primary care prescribers on the recommendation of a specialist, in this case a microbiologist.

On receipt of an FP10, community pharmacies should be able to obtain Fidaxomicin on the same day. In exceptional circumstances where it proves impossible to obtain Fidaxomicin on the same day, to prevent further delay in treatment the CCG has agreed that the acute Trust may supply Fidaxomicin against a FP10. This will be reimbursed by the CCG under a service level agreement with York FT.

It will be important for the primary care prescriber to impress upon the patient that if the community pharmacy explains that the supply of medication is likely to be delayed until the following day then the patient should not wait for this but instead attend the inpatient pharmacy at either Scarborough or York Hospital. The community pharmacist should ring the inpatient pharmacy to advise them that the patient is on their way.

If you have any urgent questions regarding this then please contact:

York inpatient pharmacy 01904 72 5736

or

Scarborough inpatient pharmacy 01723 232448

For non urgent enquiries please contact:

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