[Acute Services and Mental Health]

Memorandumfax

To Hospital based pharmacy staff

From Medicines Cost Effectiveness Group (MCEG)

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Re Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT): reduce non-Formulary use

A Medicines Update Blog will be issued in the near future which aims to reduce the use of non-Formulary NRT products. The current Formulary advice is as follows:

Nicotinell® products (24-hour patches, lozenges or gum) are the nicotine replacement treatments of choice. If dual nicotine replacement is appropriate then a 2nd product should be added to Nicotinell® patches.  If a mini lozenge is required, the first choice is Niquitin Mini®.

Pharmacy staff are asked to query any requests for a non-Formulary product (e.g. Niquitin® clear patches; Nicorette inhalator)

* + - Establish if a Formulary product could be selected
    - If not, a non-Formulary product may be ordered if approved by a clinical pharmacist or smoking cessation advisor