

Herefordshire and Worcestershire netFormulary and Guidelines Information for Users





netFormulary

The new Herefordshire and Worcestershire Joint Medicines netFormulary can be found here:

<https://www.hereworcsformulary.nhs.uk/>

This formulary is intended for use by healthcare professionals working within the Herefordshire & Worcestershire Health Economy, in either Primary Care, Secondary or Mental Healthcare Trusts.

Formulary items are assigned a traffic light status as follows:

Status	Description
 RED	Secondary care only, not to be prescribed in primary care.
 A SC	Specialist initiation with shared care guidance Medicines which should be initiated in secondary care by the specialist with follow-on prescription and monitoring according to a specific Shared Care (SC) Guideline. Prescribing may be continued in primary care in line with a shared care guideline
 AMBER	Considered suitable for primary care prescribing following specialist initiation/recommendation.
 GREEN	Considered appropriate for prescribing in both secondary and primary care. Suitable for initiation in primary care.

For entries with an amber status - if use is restricted to specialist initiation this will be indicated by an additional narrative in the drug entry.

Some non-formulary items are listed in the non-formulary section for clarity – but note this list is not exhaustive.

If an item is not listed, then the default position is that the medicine is **non-formulary**. Note however that some items such as stoma bags etc, where there is no restriction on what can be prescribed, are not included in the formulary. If in doubt e-mail hw.medicines@nhs.net for advice.

Individual items can be searched for using the 'search' box on the homepage. Note when using this function the item searched for will appear in red font.

The formulary is also available via the **netFormulary App** which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google play:



Search for "netformulary":



Install and choose 'Herefordshire and Worcestershire Joint Medicines Formulary'. During the installation process the user will be asked whether they want to download linked files to their device. Links can be

downloaded across the entire formulary or from selected sections (e.g. Primary Care Antimicrobial Prescribing Guidance). This will use up more mobile device storage and will slow down both the installation and future updates but will enable access to linked guidance documents in the absence of an internet connection and therefore could be convenient for some users.

Tap the 'search' button in the App home screen to search for individual items. Alternatively, the whole formulary can be browsed by tapping the 'formulary' button and navigating by section.

Users will need to update the App regularly using the 'updates' button on the home screen to ensure any formulary changes are downloaded to their device.

Prescribing Guidelines

Prescribing guidelines and policies developed, reviewed and updated by the Herefordshire & Worcestershire Medicines and Prescribing Committee (MPC) can be found in the Clinical Policies and Guidance section of the [Herefordshire and Worcestershire Clinical Commissioning Group website](https://herefordshireandworcestershireccg.nhs.uk/policies/medical/clinical-policies-guidance) here: <https://herefordshireandworcestershireccg.nhs.uk/policies/medical/clinical-policies-guidance>

General Prescribing Resources (separated sections for patients and clinicians) are available here: <https://herefordshireandworcestershireccg.nhs.uk/our-work/medicines-and-pharmacy/general-prescribing-resources>

Patient information about community pharmacies and services is available in the 'Your Health' section of the HWCCG website here: <https://herefordshireandworcestershireccg.nhs.uk/health-services/community-pharmacies>