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## Northern Lincolnshire Area Prescribing committee Newsletter

### Traffic Light Status Information

Status	Description
 GREEN	Green -Medicines suitable for routine use within primary care and Secondary care Can be initiated within primary care within their licensed indication, in accordance with nationally recognised formularies
 AMBER	Amber- Medicines suitable to be prescribed in primary care after specialist /Consultant recommendation or initiation. A supporting prescribing guideline may be requested which must have been agreed by the relevant secondary care trust Medicines and Therapeutic Committee and approved by the Area Prescribing Committee.
 RED	Red-Hospital initiation and continuation only
 AMB SCP	AMBER SHARE CARE PROTOCOL- Medicines that should be initiated by a specialist and prescribed by primary care prescribers only under a shared care protocol, once the patient has been stabilised
 BLUE	To be supplied from the appropriate commissioned provider.
 GREEN 2	GREEN 2- to be prescribed by primary care only
 GREY	GREY- NON FORMULARY (As agreed by Area Prescribing Committee)



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## Shared Care Guidelines and working with Hull and East Riding Prescribing Committee

Shared care guidelines are typically agreements between a Specialist Service (consultant) and primary care (patient's GP), which state the responsibility of each in the management of an individual patient's drug therapy.

The types of medicines that are normally involved in shared care guidelines include medicines that require close patient monitoring. Normally the patient's drug therapy will be initiated by the Specialist Service and then the primary care clinician will be asked to jointly manage the patient's treatment. The agreement will state the type of monitoring and the frequency and also when the primary care clinician will take over prescribing. Shared care guidelines for medicines used in inflammatory bowel disease, including azathioprine and mercaptopurine have recently been approved at APC.

In future the Northern Lincolnshire APC will be working more closely with the Hull and East Riding Prescribing Committee (HERPC) to align some of our shared care guidelines.

## Formulary Amendments and Additions

Name of Drug	RAG Rated	Information
Esomeprazole	Green	Reclassification
Rabeprazole	Green	Reclassification
Pantoprazole	Green	Reclassification
Famotidine tablets	Green	Due to ranitidine being unavailable
Moxonidine tablets	Green	Reclassification
Diclofenac 3% gel	Green	Reclassification
Fluorouracil 5% cream	Green	Reclassification
Loperamide solution	Amber	Reclassification



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## NICE Technical Appraisals

<b>NICE TA</b>	<b>Indication</b>	<b>RAG rating</b>
NICE TA676	Filgotinib for treating moderate to severe rheumatoid arthritis	RED
NICE TA678	Niraparib for maintenance treatment of advanced ovarian, fallopian tube and peritoneal cancer after response to first-line platinum-based chemotherapy	RED
NICE TA679	Dapagliflozin for treating chronic heart failure with reduced ejection fraction	AMBER - guideline in development
NICE TA673	Niraparib for maintenance treatment of advanced ovarian, fallopian tube and peritoneal cancer after response to first-line platinum-based chemotherapy	RED
NICE TA671	Mepolizumab for treating severe eosinophilic asthma	RED
NICE TA672	<a href="#">Brolucizumab for treating wet age-related macular degeneration</a>	RED

## Items Approved at APC



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## **MHRA Alerts**

The latest MHRA Alerts are published here: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/drug-safety-update-monthly-newsletter](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/drug-safety-update-monthly-newsletter)

## **Net Formulary update**

We are continuing to update our new Formulary available at: [www.apcnlgformulary.nhs.uk](http://www.apcnlgformulary.nhs.uk)

netFormulary holds information about drugs and their formulary status. It includes traffic light status of medications so that prescriber responsibilities are clear. Pathways, NICE and APC policies will be linked to this as well as APC minutes and policies. This is an active document which is being continually updated. Please feel free to provide feedback or comments to the Area Prescribing Professional secretary Michelle Marshall at [michelle.marshall3@nhs.net](mailto:michelle.marshall3@nhs.net)

The net Formulary app is now being rolled out. Information on how to install the app can be found on the formulary website under net Formulary APP.