

ADHD Medicines Shortage – Requests for NHS Treatment of New Adult Patients Following Private Diagnosis.

There continues to be uncertainty regarding consistent supplies of a range of ADHD medicines, strengths and formulations.

It is essential that the available resources are utilised to manage active patients currently prescribed these medicines.

Due to these shortages NHS Grampian cannot currently support the initiation of treatment for NEW adult patients who have been referred following a Private diagnosis.

NHS Grampian specialist services are also not initiating new NHS patients at this time due to this issue. This is in line with Specialist Pharmacy Service (SPS) guidance on [supporting the system response](#) to the current shortage.

Any patient requesting new NHS initiation of ADHD treatments following a Private diagnosis, or continuation of treatment undertaken privately, should be advised that this is not currently possible. This position will be reviewed when the supply chain issues are stabilised and recovery of treatments for established patients has been achieved. This review will take place no later than 6 months from the date of this statement.

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