

Advance Payment for High Cost Prescription Items.

At present Community Pharmacists are paid approximately three months in arrears following the dispensing of a prescriptions/stock order form. Its therefore important when a high cost item is dispensed, that the pharmacist should receive payment as soon as possible.

A high cost item can be described as any item on a GP10, GP10a or HBP that is to be dispensed in a single instalment, which has a cost equal to or greater than £1000.

In order for a Community Pharmacy contractor to make a request for advance payment, the steps to be followed are outlined below:

- The Community Pharmacy is to email a scanned copy of the original prescription and associated invoice requesting authorisation for advance payment to Lesley Anderson (lesley.anderson5@nhs.scot) from their secure nhs.scot email account.
- **The GP10/GP10a/HBP must be fully endorsed ensuring that patient details and are visible to ensure authorisation is not held up. Particular attention should be paid to hand-written forms, ensuring that all items are legible.**
- The Community Pharmacy retains the original prescription and submits this with their normal monthly bundle sent to/collected by PSD.
- **If the prescription is for more than one item, only the prescription cost for the high cost item be reimbursed as an advance payment. Any additional items on a prescription will be reimbursed via the normal route.**

Note: under no circumstances should advance payment requests be posted as there is a risk of these being lost in the post. Therefore the process for requesting an advance payment requires the relevant paperwork to be submitted electronically via the secure nhs.scot email system.

All Enzalutamide advance requests should be attached with an Alliance invoice only.