

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde: New Medicines Decisions

In Scotland, a newly licensed medicine is routinely available in a health board only after it has been:

- accepted for use in NHSScotland by the Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC), and
- accepted for use by the health board's Area Drug and Therapeutics Committee (ADTC).

All medicines accepted by SMC are available in Scotland, but may not be considered 'routinely available' within NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHSGG&C) because of available services and preferences.

'Routinely available' means that a medicine can be prescribed by the appropriately qualified person within a health board.

Each health board has an ADTC. The Greater Glasgow and Clyde ADTC is responsible for advising the NHSGG&C health board on all aspects of the use of medicines.

Medicines routinely available within NHSGG&C are usually included in the GGC Formulary. The Formulary is a list of medicines for use in the health board that has been agreed by ADTC in consultation with healthcare professionals to prescribe for common medical conditions. The GGC Formulary can help improve safety as prescribers are likely to become more familiar with the medicines included. Medicines included are consistent across the health board.

How does NHSGG&C decide which new medicines to make routinely available for patients?

The ADTC in NHSGG&C will consider national and local guidance before deciding whether to make a new medicine routinely available.

What national guidance does the ADTC consider?

- SMC advice: The SMC considers newly licensed medicines and advises health boards in Scotland whether they should be available. When SMC considers a new medicine for the NHS in Scotland
 - how well the medicine works,
 - which patients might benefit from it,
 - whether it is as good or better than medicines the NHS already uses to treat the medical condition, and
 - whether it is good value for money.
- In the table below, national guidance usually refers to SMC advice. Links to SMC advice for individual medicines are also included in the table.
- In some cases, other agencies may also provide guidance on how medicines should be used. For example, Healthcare Improvement Scotland issues alerts to advise if National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) Appraisals (NICE MTAs) are applicable in Scotland.

What local guidance does the ADTC consider?

- Advice from local clinical experts who would be expected to prescribe a particular medicine, where that service is available in NHSGG&C.

Why is a particular medicine not routinely available in NHSGG&C?

- This is usually because the medicine is not recommended for use in NHSScotland by the SMC.
- The medicine may not be routinely available in a health board, particularly in smaller health boards, because there is not a suitable specialist who may use the medicine.
- There may also be differences in which medicines are preferred in health boards. Sometimes SMC accepts more than one medicine for treating a specific medical condition. Clinical experts in each health board advise the ADTC on their preferred medicines to their formulary and advise the ADTC. Sometimes it is agreed that established medicines are a better choice than new medicines.

Medicine	Condition being treated	NHSGGC Decision	Date of decision
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Adalimumab, Etanercept, Infliximab, Abatacept	Treatment of moderate arthritis after conventional DMARDs have failed.	Routinely available in line with national guidance	13/12/2021
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NICE TA715

Amikacin

liposomal nebuliser

Arikayce®

SMC2432

Treatment of non-tuberculous mycobacterial (NTM) lung infections caused by Mycobacterium avium Complex (MAC) in adults with limited treatment options who do not have cystic fibrosis.

Routinely available in line with national guidance

13/12/2021

Anakinra

injection

Kineret®

SMC2449

Treatment of Familial Mediterranean Fever (FMF). Kineret should be given in combination with colchicine, if appropriate.

Not routinely available as not recommended for use in NHSScotland

13/12/2021

Asfotase alfa

injection

Strensiq®

SMC2433

Long-term enzyme replacement therapy in patients with paediatric-onset hypophosphatasia to treat the bone manifestations of the disease

Not routinely available as not recommended for use in NHSScotland

13/12/2021

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Bimekizumab sub-cut injection Bimzelx® SMC2410	Treatment of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis in adults who are candidates for systemic therapy	Routinely available in line with national guidance	13/12/2021
Buprenorphine implant Sixmo® SMC2372	for substitution treatment for opioid dependence in clinically stable adult patients who require no more than 8 mg/day of sublingual buprenorphine, within a framework of medical, social and psychological treatment.	Not routinely available as local clinical experts do not wish to add the medicine to the Formulary at this time or there is a local preference for alternative	13/12/2021
Durvalumab infusion Imfinzi® SMC2434	In combination with etoposide and either carboplatin or cisplatin for the first-line treatment of adults with extensive-stage small cell lung cancer.	Not routinely available as not recommended for use in NHSScotland	13/12/2021
Ibrutinib tablets Imbruvica® SMC2387	As a single agent for the treatment of adult patients with Waldenström's macroglobulinaemia (WM) who have received at least one prior therapy, or in first-line treatment for patients unsuitable for chemo-immunotherapy.	Routinely available in line with local or regional guidance	13/12/2021

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<p>Nitisinone capsules</p> <p>Orfadin®</p> <p>SMC2450</p>	Treatment of adult patients with alkaptonuria (AKU).	Not routinely available as not recommended for use in NHSScotland	13/12/2021
<p>Nivolumab infusion</p> <p>Opdivo®</p> <p>SMC2394</p>	in combination with ipilimumab for the treatment of adult patients with mismatch repair deficient (dMMR) or microsatellite instability-high (MSI-H) metastatic colorectal cancer after prior fluoropyrimidine-based combination chemotherapy.	Routinely available in line with local or regional guidance	13/12/2021
<p>Olaparib tablets</p> <p>Lynparza®</p> <p>SMC2435</p>	Monotherapy for the maintenance treatment of adult patients with germline BRCA1/2-mutations who have metastatic adenocarcinoma of the pancreas and have not progressed after a minimum of 16 weeks of platinum treatment within a first-line chemotherapy regimen.	Not routinely available as not recommended for use in NHSScotland	13/12/2021
<p>Olaparib tablets</p> <p>Lynparza®</p> <p>SMC2436</p>	Monotherapy for the treatment of adult patients with germline BRCA1/2-mutations, who have HER2 negative locally advanced or metastatic breast cancer. Patients should have previously been treated with an anthracycline and a taxane in the (neo)adjuvant or metastatic setting unless patients were not suitable for these treatments.	Not routinely available as not recommended for use in NHSScotland	13/12/2021

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Olaparib tablets Lynparza® SMC2368	In combination with bevacizumab for the maintenance treatment of adult patients with advanced (FIGO stages III and IV) high-grade epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube or primary peritoneal cancer who are in response (complete or partial) following completion of first-line platinum-based chemotherapy in combination with bevacizumab and whose cancer is associated with homologous recombination deficiency (HRD) positive status defined by either a BRCA1/2 mutation and/or genomic instability.	Routinely available in line with local or regional guidance	13/12/2021
Olopatadine with Mometasone nasal spray Ryaltris® SMC2418	in adults and adolescents 12 years of age and older for the treatment of moderate to severe nasal symptoms associated with allergic rhinitis.	Routinely available in line with national guidance	13/12/2021
Osimertinib tablets Tagrisso® SMC2383	Monotherapy for the adjuvant treatment after complete tumour resection in adult patients with stage IB-IIIA non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) whose tumours have epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) exon 19 deletions (Ex19del) or exon 21 (L858R) substitution mutations.	Routinely available in line with local or regional guidance	13/12/2021
Pembrolizumab infusion Keytruda® SMC2380	Monotherapy for the treatment of adult and paediatric patients aged 3 years and older with relapsed or refractory classical Hodgkin lymphoma who have failed autologous stem cell transplant (ASCT) or following at least two prior therapies when ASCT is not a treatment option.	Routinely available in line with local or regional guidance	13/12/2021

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Ponesimod tablets Ponvory® SMC2384	Treatment of adult patients with relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis (RMS) with active disease defined by clinical or imaging features.	28/02/2022	13/12/2021
Sebelipase alfa infusion Kanuma® SMC2437	Long-term enzyme replacement therapy (ERT) in patients of all ages with lysosomal acid lipase (LAL) deficiency	Not routinely available as not recommended for use in NHSScotland	13/12/2021
Selpercatinib capsules Retsevmo® SMC2371	Monotherapy for the treatment of adults with advanced RET fusion-positive non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) who require systemic therapy following prior treatment with immunotherapy and/or platinum-based chemotherapy	Not routinely available as not recommended for use in NHSScotland	13/12/2021
Tafamidis capsules Vyndaqel® SMC2426	for the treatment of wild-type and hereditary transthyretin amyloidosis in adult patients with cardiomyopathy (ATTR-CM).	Not routinely available as not recommended for use in NHSScotland	13/12/2021

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Tirbanibulin ointment Klisyri® SMC2395	field treatment of non-hyperkeratotic, non-hypertrophic actinic keratosis (Olsen grade 1) of the face or scalp in adults.	Routinely available in line with national guidance	13/12/2021