

For Information August 2016

Following contact from the North Somerset CCG by the medicines optimisation pharmacist we wanted to take this opportunity to share with you the latest guidance on prescriptions of eye vitamin supplements.

Currently eye vitamins, such as Perservision and ICaps, are not included on the Bristol, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire (BNSSG) Formulary. This means that these items should not be given to patients as prescription items. This is supported by PrescQIPP the national recommended prescribing advice for the NHS.

Currently North Somerset CCG are reviewing all prescriptions at GP's that may be prescribing these items and writing to those patients to inform them that they will no longer be provided as a prescription item. Patients will have the option instead to buy these items as a health supplement.

To date one patient has contacted the CCG to raise concerns as their Optometrists had recommended these items to be prescribed to them via their GP. Therefore it has been requested that all contractors and performers take into account this information before making any such recommendations to patients.

This information has also been circulated to local GP's and Pharmacists.

If you wish to find out more information on the products available on the formulary please go to www.bnssgformulary.nhs.uk/11-Eye

For the full PrescQIPP article:

<https://www.prescqipp.info/-lutein-and-antioxidant-vitamins/send/133-lutein-and-antioxidant-vitamins/1706-bulletin-86-lutein-and-antioxidant-vitamins-drop-list>