


Item Number: 11	
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Prescribing Policies Policy on Prescribing Medicines That Are Available to Purchase – PRE03 Branded Generic Medicines Prescribing Policy – PRE04 Branded Medicines Prescribing Policy– PRE05	
Purpose of Report For Decision	
Rationale All three policies were approved by the Clinical Executive on 29 September 2016. Keith Ramsay and Helen Hirst agreed to delegate the authority to Clinical Executive to approve the policies on behalf of the Governing Body. They were approved as an urgent decision to expedite the financial impact of the policies. Governing Body is requested to ratify the approval of these policies. The 3 policies have been to all GP Prescribing Leads for comments in May 2016; Senior Management Team for initial approval to proceed; they have been to Local Medical Committee (July 2016) members for feedback–which has been incorporated; they have been to Healthwatch York (August 2016) for comments and feedback– none received; and they have been on the public website (August 2016) for 6 weeks for comments, thoughts and feedback – none received. Policy on Prescribing Medicines That Are Available to Purchase – PRE03 NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group is keen to ensure that only treatments that are clinically effective and provide a clear health benefit to patients are prescribed on NHS prescriptions. This is to ensure that NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group resources provide interventions with a proven health gain for the population. The policy defines when prescribers will be required to consider whether the benefit of prescribing a treatment for an individual justifies the expense to the NHS. Such judgments should be based purely on clinical factors and should not be influenced by socio-economic aspects such as the patient's ability to purchase. The policy specifically refers to the wording "It is requested that patients should routinely be provided with information regarding where they can purchase these products. These products should not routinely be prescribed on NHS prescription." It allows the prescriber to make the most appropriate decision for the patient based on clinical need; only treatments that are clinically effective and provide a clear health benefit to patients are prescribed on NHS prescriptions.	

Branded Generic Medicines Prescribing Policy – PRE04

A branded-generic is the brand name given to a drug that is bioequivalent to the original (innovator) brand, but once the original brand name has come off patent it is marketed under another company's brand name, not the generic name.

The scope of this document is to establish a policy for prescribers on the rationale for branded-generic prescribing within the NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group area and to detail the basis on which branded-generic products are selected.

Branded Medicines Prescribing Policy– PRE05

The scope of this document is to establish a policy for prescribers on the rationale for generic and branded prescribing within the NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group area and to detail the basis on which exceptions are considered appropriate.

Strategic Priority Links

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Urgent Care | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prescribing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Effective Organisation | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Sustainability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health/Vulnerable People | |

Local Authority Area

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CCG Footprint | <input type="checkbox"/> East Riding of Yorkshire Council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City of York Council | <input type="checkbox"/> North Yorkshire County Council |

Impacts/ Key Risks

- Financial
- Legal
- Primary Care
- Equalities

Covalent Risk Reference

Recommendations

Governing Body are requested to ratify the decision by the Clinical Executive to approve all three policies, circulated to members electronically and available at <http://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/about-us/governing-body-meetings/>

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