

INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS

Prescribing following assessment or treatment in the private healthcare sector or outpatient clinics

Private Sector

It is the position of the Carepoint Practice that our prescribers e.g. doctors or prescribing nurses, can provide some medicines on the NHS on advice from a clinician in the private sector.

However, there are a number of circumstances when our prescribers will decline the request or offer to prescribe an alternative medicine.

He or she may decline to prescribe if:

- A letter explaining the full rationale for the treatment has not been provided by the consultant in the private sector.
- He or she feels the medicine is not clinically necessary.
- The medication is unlicensed.
- The medication is prescribed outside of its licensed indication.
- The medication is not one he or she would normally prescribe.
- The medication needs special monitoring and he or she feels they do not have the expertise to do this.
- The use of the medication conflicts with NICE guidance or locally agreed protocols.
- An equivalent but equally effective medicine is prescribed locally under prescribing advice from the CCG. In this situation you will be offered the equivalent medicine.

In any of these circumstances you will retain the option of purchasing the recommended medicine via a prescription from your consultant in the private sector.

Outpatients (NHS & Private Sector)

According to the NWL Medicines management Schedule Contractual requirements for out-patients include:

- Medicines required immediately should be supplied by the provider
- Acute prescriptions that are required for a short term should be supplied by the provider.
- for prescriptions that are required on an ongoing basis, it is appropriate to complete an Out-patient Medication Proforma or equivalent
- Use of patient packs when a medicine is supplied.

If the provider doctor is recommending that the GP prescribes, the GP cannot make an informed decision before receiving sufficient clinical information via outpatient letter/Electronic discharge note (EDN).

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If the patient requires any medicine before the provider can guarantee that the practice will receive such a letter/EDN, it is the responsibility of the provider to supply the prescription.

There is also no provision for refunding any money already spent on private treatment, including medicines.