

Circular 22.2

## Pharmaceutical Service

### **Sales from the PEH Pharmacy to Community Pharmacies**

The hospital pharmacy has always supported the service our local community pharmacies provide with one-off requests of for example, hospital-only products or fluids.

However, an audit has shown that regular sales of multiple packs of products to community pharmacies are higher than can be managed with existing resources.

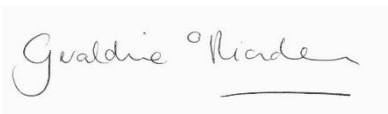
You will be aware that sales by companies to hospitals are expected to be for inpatients only and not for onward sale to community pharmacies. So, unfortunately, going forward the hospital pharmacy will be unable to regularly sell products which are in stock and already available via the usual supply chain to pharmacies.

As part of the implementation of the new NICE TAs, agreements were made with the companies that their products would be sold to community pharmacies, either via wholesalers, from the company itself or via companies such as Alcura or similar.

Tecfidera<sup>R</sup> for MS will shortly be available via the usual supply chain and will not need to be ordered via the PEH pharmacy. There are some anti-retroviral agents that are not sold by companies to retail pharmacies, these will continue to be sold by the hospital.

If you are told that a drug, especially a new NICE TA drug is not available via any of the above channels it is important that you let me know so that we can work to resolve this, and the company can be contacted. If the company will not release stock to retail pharmacies, consideration will be given to the best and safest way to supply that patient. This may be for the hospital pharmacy to dispense the prescription.

Many thanks



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