

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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<p>Acalabrutinib capsules Calquence® SMC2346</p>	<p>Monotherapy or in combination with obinutuzumab for the treatment of adult patients with previously untreated chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL).</p>	<p>Routinely available in line with local or regional guidance</p>	<p>19/04/2021</p>
<p>Acalabrutinib capsule Calquence® SMC2348</p>	<p>Monotherapy for the treatment of adult patients with chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL) who have received at least one prior therapy.</p>	<p>Routinely available in line with local or regional guidance</p>	<p>19/04/2021</p>
<p>Afamelanotide implant Scenesse® 1251/17</p>	<p>Prevention of phototoxicity in adult patients with erythropoietic protoporphyria (EPP).</p>	<p>Routinely available in line with national guidance</p>	<p>19/04/2021</p>
<p>Alpelisib tablets Piqray® SMC2339</p>	<p>In combination with fulvestrant for the treatment of postmenopausal women, and men, with hormone receptor (HR)-positive, human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2)-negative, locally advanced or metastatic breast cancer with a PIK3CA mutation after disease progression following endocrine therapy as monotherapy.</p>	<p>Not routinely available as not recommended for use in NHSScotland</p>	<p>19/04/2021</p>

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Apalutamide tablets Erleada® SMC2323	In adult men for the treatment of metastatic hormone-sensitive prostate cancer (mHSPC) in combination with androgen deprivation therapy.	Not routinely available as not recommended for use in NHSScotland	19/04/2021
Apremilast tablets Otezla® SMC2340	Treatment of adult patients with oral ulcers associated with Behçet's disease who are candidates for systemic therapy	Not routinely available as not recommended for use in NHSScotland	19/04/2021
Beclomethasone/ Formoterol/ Glycopyrronium inhaler Trimbow® SMC2335	Maintenance treatment of asthma, in adults not adequately controlled with a maintenance combination of a long-acting beta2-agonist and medium dose of inhaled corticosteroid, and who experienced one or more asthma exacerbations in the previous year.	Routinely available in line with national guidance	19/04/2021
Brentuximab infusion Adcetris® SMC2310	In combination with cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin and prednisone (CHP) for adult patients with previously untreated systemic anaplastic large cell lymphoma (sALCL).	Routinely available in line with local or regional guidance	19/04/2021

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Brigatinib tablets Alunbrig® SMC2314	As monotherapy for the treatment of adult patients with anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK)-positive advanced non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) previously not treated with an ALK inhibitor.	Routinely available in line with local or regional guidance	19/04/2021
Buprenorphine with Naloxone sublingual film Suboxone® SMC2316	Substitution treatment for opioid drug dependence, within a framework of medical, social and psychological treatment. The intention of the naloxone component is to deter intravenous misuse. Buprenorphine/naloxone is indicated in adults and adolescents over 15 years of age who have agreed to be treated for addiction.	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	19/04/2021
Dapagliflozin tablets Forxiga® SMC2322	The treatment of symptomatic chronic heart failure with reduced ejection fraction in adult patients.	Routinely available in line with national guidance	19/04/2021
Daratumumab infusion Darzalex® SMC2302	In combination with bortezomib, thalidomide and dexamethasone, for the treatment of adult patients with newly diagnosed multiple myeloma who are eligible for autologous stem cell transplant.	Routinely available in line with local or regional guidance	19/04/2021

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<p>Daratumumab injection Darzalex® SMC2326</p>	<p>In combination with bortezomib, thalidomide and dexamethasone for the treatment of adult patients with newly diagnosed multiple myeloma who are eligible for autologous stem cell transplant</p>	<p>Routinely available in line with local or regional guidance</p>	<p>19/04/2021</p>
<p>Doravirine tablets Pifeltro® SMC2332</p>	<p>In combination with other antiretroviral medicinal products, for the treatment of adults infected with HIV-1 without past or present evidence of resistance to the non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor (NNRTI) class.</p>	<p>Routinely available in line with national guidance</p>	<p>19/04/2021</p>
<p>Doravirine/Lamivudine/Tenofovir tablet Delstrigo® SMC2333</p>	<p>Treatment of adults infected with HIV-1 without past or present evidence of resistance to the non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor (NNRTI) class, lamivudine, or tenofovir.</p>	<p>Routinely available in line with national guidance</p>	<p>19/04/2021</p>
<p>Dupilumab sub-cut injection Dupixent® SMC2317</p>	<p>In adults and adolescents 12 years and older as add-on maintenance treatment for severe asthma with type 2 inflammation characterised by raised blood eosinophils and/or raised fraction of exhaled nitric oxide (FeNO), who are inadequately controlled with high dose inhaled corticosteroids (ICS) plus another medicinal product for maintenance treatment.</p>	<p>Routinely available in line with national guidance</p>	<p>19/04/2021</p>

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Dupilumab pre-filled pen/ syringe Dupixent® SMC2324	As an add-on therapy with intranasal corticosteroids for the treatment of adults with severe chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyposis for whom therapy with systemic corticosteroids and/or surgery do not provide adequate disease control	Not routinely available as not recommended for use in NHSScotland	19/04/2021
Entrectinib capsules Rozlytrek® SMC2295	Monotherapy for the treatment of adult and paediatric patients 12 years of age and older with solid tumours expressing a neurotrophic tyrosine receptor kinase (NTRK) gene fusion, - who have a disease that is locally advanced, metastatic or where surgical resection is likely to result in severe morbidity, and - who have not received a prior NTRK inhibitor - who have no satisfactory treatment options	Not routinely available as local implementation plans are being developed or ADTC is waiting for further advice from local clinical experts - Decision expected by: 31/08/2021	19/04/2021
Entrectinib capsules Rozlytrek® SMC2294	Monotherapy for the treatment of adult patients with ROS1-positive, advanced non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) not previously treated with ROS1 inhibitors.	Routinely available in line with local or regional guidance	19/04/2021
Formoterol/ Glycopyrronium/ Budesonide pressurised inhalation Trixeo® Aerosphere SMC2321	Maintenance treatment in adult patients with moderate to severe chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) who are not adequately treated by a combination of an inhaled corticosteroid and a long-acting beta2-agonist or combination of a long-acting beta2-agonist and a long-acting muscarinic antagonist.	Routinely available in line with national guidance	19/04/2021

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Fostamatinib tablets Tavlesse® SMC2300	Treatment of chronic immune thrombocytopenia (ITP) in adult patients who are refractory to other treatments	Routinely available in line with national guidance	19/04/2021
Galcanezumab sub-cut injection Emgality® SMC23213	Prophylaxis of migraine in adults who have at least 4 migraine days per month.	Routinely available in line with national guidance	19/04/2021
Gasdegib tablets Daurismo® SMC2341	In combination with low-dose cytarabine, for the treatment of newly diagnosed de novo or secondary acute myeloid leukaemia (AML) in adult patients who are not candidates for standard induction chemotherapy.	Not routinely available as not recommended for use in NHSScotland	19/04/2021
Imipenem/ Cilastatin/ Relabactam infusion Recarbrio® SMC2342	Treatment of: - hospital-acquired pneumonia (HAP), including ventilator associated pneumonia (VAP), in adults. - bacteraemia that occurs in association with, or is suspected to be associated with HAP or VAP, in adults.	Not routinely available as not recommended for use in NHSScotland	19/04/2021

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Isatuximab infusion Sarclisa® SMC2303	In combination with pomalidomide and dexamethasone, for the treatment of adult patients with relapsed and refractory multiple myeloma (RRMM) who have received at least two prior therapies including lenalidomide and a proteasome inhibitor (PI) and have demonstrated disease progression on the last therapy.	Routinely available in line with local or regional guidance	19/04/2021
Leuprorelin acetate pre-filled syringe Prostap® 3 DCS, Prostap® SR DCS SMC2320	Treatment in pre- and perimenopausal women with advanced breast cancer suitable for hormonal manipulation	Routinely available in line with local or regional guidance	19/04/2021
Leuprorelin acetate pre-filled syringe Prostap® SR DCS, Prostap® 3 DCS SMC2319	as adjuvant treatment in combination with tamoxifen or an aromatase inhibitor, of endocrine responsive early stage breast cancer in pre- and perimenopausal women at higher risk of disease recurrence (young age, high grade tumour, lymph node involvement). In women who have received chemotherapy, premenopausal status must be confirmed after completion of chemotherapy.	Routinely available in line with local or regional guidance	19/04/2021
Mercaptamine eye drops Cystadrops® SMC2343	Treatment of corneal cystine crystal deposits in adults and children from 2 years of age with cystinosis.	Not routinely available as not recommended for use in NHSScotland	19/04/2021

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Omalizumab pre-filled syringe, injection Xolair® SMC2344	As add-on therapy with intranasal corticosteroids (INC) for the treatment of adults (18 years and above) with severe chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyps for whom therapy with INC does not provide adequate disease control.	Not routinely available as not recommended for use in NHSScotland	19/04/2021
Ozanimod capsules Zeposia® SMC2309	Treatment of adult patients with relapsing remitting multiple sclerosis (RRMS) with active disease as defined by clinical or imaging features.	Routinely available in line with national guidance	19/04/2021
Ravulizumab infusion Ultomiris® SMC2305	Treatment of adult patients with paroxysmal nocturnal haemoglobinuria (PNH): - In patients with haemolysis with clinical symptom(s) indicative of high disease activity - In patients who are clinically stable after having been treated with eculizumab for at least the past 6 months.	Not routinely available as local implementation plans are being developed or ADTC is waiting for further advice from local clinical experts - Decision expected by: 30/06/2021	19/04/2021
Secukinumab pre-filled pen/ syringe Cosentyx® SMC2308	Treatment of active non-radiographic axial spondyloarthritis with objective signs of inflammation as indicated by elevated C-reactive protein and/or magnetic resonance imaging evidence in adults who have responded inadequately to non steroidal anti inflammatory drugs.	Routinely available in line with national guidance	19/04/2021

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Talazoparib capsules Talzena® SMC2325	As 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 been previously treated with an anthracycline and/or a taxane in the (neo) adjuvant, locally advanced or metastatic setting unless patients were not suitable for these treatments. Patients with hormone receptor (HR)-positive breast cancer should have been treated with a prior endocrine-based therapy, or be considered unsuitable for endocrine-based therapy.	Not routinely available as not recommended for use in NHSScotland	19/04/2021
Trametinib tablet Mekinist® SMC2328	In combination with dabrafenib for the treatment of adult patients with unresectable or metastatic melanoma with a BRAF V600 mutation.	Routinely available in line with local or regional guidance	19/04/2021
Upadacitinib MR tablets Rinvoq® SMC2315	Treatment of moderate to severe active rheumatoid arthritis (RA) in adult patients who have responded inadequately to, or who are intolerant to one or more disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (DMARDs). Upadacitinib may be used as monotherapy or in combination with methotrexate.	Routinely available in line with national guidance	19/04/2021