

Medicines Management Scorecard Opioid Prescribing Indicators 22/23

This document is an update on the opioid prescribing indicators. There are three indicators in the scorecard in 22/23.

Indicator 13 - Somerset ICB formulary preferred opiate formulations

This indicator continues from previous year's scorecards

Target: >80%

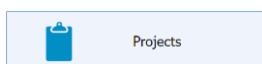
Rationale: Safety and cost effectiveness. Using recognised formulations across primary care, secondary care, out of hours and emergency care helps improve product awareness and therefore improves safety. There are risks such as duplication of therapy if lesser known brands are prescribed.

Please note that Zomorph MR is the preferred modified release morphine formulation in Somerset. The capsules can be opened and sprinkled on semi-solid food (e.g., yoghurt) or given in water via NG tube. There is no evidence of superior clinical analgesic effect of other opioids over morphine.

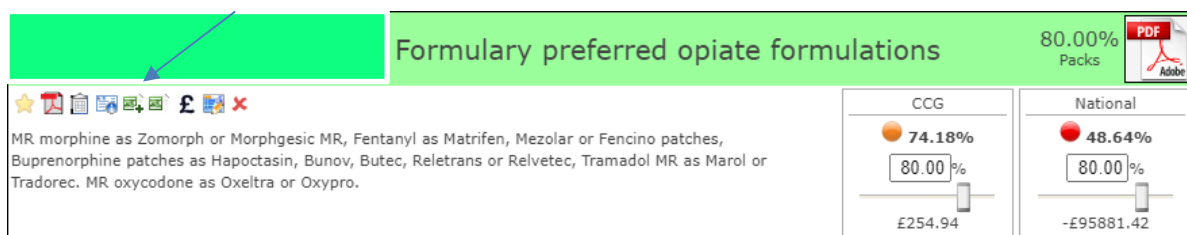
Resources:

Medicines management EMIS searches may help identify patients prescribed non-formulary preparations.

Alternatively, practices can use Eclipse prescribing data to identify non-formulary products prescribed. (www.eclipsesolutions.org). Select "Projects". Users with a practice login will see practice prescribing data for several scorecard indicators on the Projects page.



Select the icon to see positive and negative products prescribed



The formulary webpage is <https://formulary.nhssomerset.nhs.uk/>, click [here](#) for the analgesics formulary page.