

# Valproate Action and Improvement Plan

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# 1. Updated MHRA Valproate resources to be shared across Somerset System when available

Completed W/C 22<sup>ND</sup> Jan 2024

## **2. Specialist services will only initiate valproate when no other medication is suitable and only when authorised by 2 specialists**

Completed Jan 2024

### **3. Somerset Specialist services will continue recruitment plans in order to fill gaps in existing specialist neurology and epilepsy teams**

Ongoing recruitment plans in place Jan 2024

## **4. Somerset Valproate shared Care protocol to be produced and implemented**

Draft out for consultation Jan 2024

## **5. Recommendations for existing valproate patients shared with primary care**

Complete w/c 29th Jan 2024

## **6. Annual specialist reviews for existing valproate patients to take place in 2024 – women of childbearing age under 55 to be prioritised**

To be completed by Jan 2025

## **7. All system partners will undertake monitoring and audit to ensure compliance with the Valproate alert and ongoing improvement**

To be monitored through 2024



## **8. The Somerset Medicines Program Board and system valproate taskforce will oversee the Valproate action and improvement plan**

To be monitored through 2024