

Your Request:

1) Do Cheshire & Mersey ICB have a policy or guidance regarding the prescribing of testosterone to menopausal women in primary care?

1a) If the answer to the above is yes, has this been adopted by all former CCG's across Cheshire & Mersey?

1b) If the answer to the above is no, which policy or guidelines are followed?

2) What clinical indicators are used by GP's to prescribe testosterone to menopausal women?

3) Does testosterone need to be commenced by a Gynaecology consultant in order for GP's to prescribe?

Our Response:

Please note from 01 July 2022, Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) were disestablished, and their statutory functions and responsibilities inherited by NHS Cheshire and Merseyside ICB. As a result, NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB has inherited the two former formularies in operation by the former CCGs, which are the Pan Mersey Formulary and the Cheshire Formulary. Links to these formulary websites are listed below for your information:

- Cheshire Formulary
www.cheshireformulary.nhs.uk

- Pan Mersey Formulary
www.panmerseyapc.nhs.uk

Please find listed below the responses to the questions posed in respect of prescribing of testosterone to menopausal women in primary care for the above two formularies:

Cheshire Formulary

1/1a) Yes.

2) Clinical indicators detailed on Cheshire Formulary via the following link:

<https://www.cheshireformulary.nhs.uk/chaptersSubDetails.asp?FormularySectionID=6&SubSectionRef=06.04.02&SubSectionID=A100&drugmatch=3594#3594>

3) The current advice is that products are not recommended for the treatment of hypoactive sexual desire disorder (HSDD), or other indications, in women during the menopause until a local guideline/pathway is developed. This applies to off-label use of UK licensed products and products licensed in other countries for use in HSDD such as Androfeme® (Australia). Therefore, consultants and specialists recommending treatment for these indications (NHS or Private) should provide the patient with a prescription for this treatment.

Pan Mersey Formulary

1/1a) Yes.

2) Clinical indicators detailed on Pan Mersey Formulary via the following link:
<http://formulary.panmerseyapc.nhs.uk/chaptersSubDetails.asp?FormularySectionID=6&SubSectionRef=06.04.02&SubSectionID=A100#3594>

3) Yes.

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4) What percentage of GP practices in Wirral prescribe testosterone to menopausal women?

Our Response:

4) This level of information is not held by NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB.