



## Non-antiretroviral Prescribing

NHS England sets out the standards of care expected from organisations who provide specialist HIV care, such as iCaSH, in a national service specification. In line with this, NHS England has produced a list of medicines which can be prescribed by HIV services and those which should not.

The aim of this is to ensure the safety and quality of prescribing and to avoid patient harm and the additional costs of ineffective care. Therefore we are unable to prescribe medicines other than your antiretrovirals and a small number of other selected medicines, such as those used to treat the side-effects of antiretroviral medicines or other HIV-related conditions.

Should you need a prescription for medicines for the management of any other health conditions, such as asthma, diabetes, depression or high blood pressure, you will need to see your GP for this. This is because your GP is better placed to manage these conditions and they will be responsible for your monitoring and follow-up. They will also be able to signpost you to other relevant services and/or refer your care onto other specialists should this be required.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.