

Subject: Specialised Services Circular (SSC)

Sent on behalf of: Chair of the SW Specialised Service Circular Group

Dear Colleagues,

Please find attached the following Specialised Services Circular(s):

SSC Number	SSC Title	Trusts approved to prescribe in accordance with the SSC, providing appropriate internal governance arrangements are in place
2725	NHS England update on HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and reimbursement process	All South West Trusts

Is an implementation plan required from all SW trusts (regardless of commissioned status) for this SSC? **No**

For all other South West region trusts this is for information only.

Trusts should ensure that use is registered on the Blueteq system (if appropriate).

Treatment will only be funded where the drugs minimum dataset is fully and accurately populated.

Please direct any queries to: england.speccomm-southwest@nhs.net

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Dear Colleagues,

Re: NHS England update on HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and reimbursement process

I am writing to advise you on changes to the way that Level 3 Sexual Health PrEP service providers procure PrEP medicines.

HIV PrEP is delivered by Level 3 Sexual Health service providers, which are commissioned by Local Authorities and NHS England (for Level 3 sexual health services for detained people) and are a mix of NHS and non-NHS Independent Service Providers (ISPs).

NHS England funds the medicines in accordance with the clinical commissioning policy for the [reimbursement for the use of generic and second line drugs for Pre Exposure Prophylaxis \(PrEP\) for the prevention of HIV](#).

Level 3 Sexual Health service providers currently procure PrEP medicines from the NHSE appointed wholesaler (Mawdsleys) on a free of charge basis.

From 1 November 2024, PrEP medicines will no longer be supplied free of charge. Level 3 Sexual Health clinics must purchase PrEP stock from the appointed wholesaler (Mawdsleys) and will be reimbursed by NHS England regional teams. This change is mandatory to ensure the supply process adheres to current Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) regulations relating to supply of medicines.

The reimbursement process for PrEP service providers will be as follows:

- **NHS providers** are asked to submit PrEP data through the standard Minimum Data Set (MDS) / DrPLCM to enable reimbursement through the established high cost drug cost and volume process. PrEP providers are not able to provide patient level data, and therefore NHS providers should submit an aggregate data set through their MDS / DrPLCM:
 - number of packs dispensed during the reporting period
 - number of NHS patients who have received PrEP during the reporting period

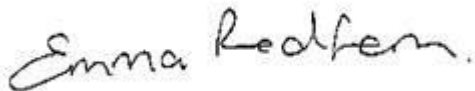
*Note: where data is already submitted for TAF/FTC PrEP through MDS, additional data for this medicine does not need to be provided.

NHS England is working with partners to ensure all clinics continue to have access to PrEP during the transition to the new framework arrangements.

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With best wishes,



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