# Out-of-area Prescribing Requests

Prescribing request from out-of-area specialists to GPs in the **[Region]** region where there is an inconsistency with the recommended local and out-of-area colour classification.

Recommendation

### If an out-of-area specialist requests that a [Region] GP prescribe an item for which there is no [Region] position, the following course of action should be taken.

The GP should contact the local CCG medicines optimisation team for further advice. The CCG medicines optimisation team should, if it feels this is appropriate and relevant, apply to the **[APC name]**  Area Prescribing Committee (**APC acronym**) through normal processes requesting a review of the medicine or device.

**Please note**: if prescribing has already commenced this must be retained by the specialist, at their own departmental cost, until the outcome of the **[APC acronym]** application is available.

### If an out-of-area specialist request GP prescribing and the [Region] position is Black

Not recommended or commissioned in **[Region]**. Therefore, refer the patient back to out-of-area provider trust to recommend an alternative drug.

### If an out-of-area specialist request GP prescribing and the [Region] position is Grey

Not recommended or commissioned in **[Region]**. Therefore, refer the patient back to out-of-area provider trust to recommend an alternative drug.

**Please note**: If classified as ‘Grey – not prioritised’ the GP should contact the local CCG medicines optimisation team for further advice. The CCG medicines optimisation team should, if it feels this is appropriate and relevant, apply to the **[APC name]** Area Prescribing Committee (**APC acronym**) through normal processes requesting a review of the medicine or device. **Please note**: if prescribing has already commenced this must be retained by the specialist, at their own departmental cost, until the outcome of the **[APC acronym]** application is available.

### If an out-of-area specialist request GP prescribing and the [Region] position is Red

Prescribing responsibility rests with the specialist. Therefore, the patient should be referred back to the provider trust for on-going prescribing.

### If an out-of-area specialist request GP prescribing and the [Region] position is Purple Shared Care

The GP can consider accepting on-going prescribing as per the **[APC acronym]** shared-care agreement. The out-of-area specialist must initiate and stabilise the patient according to the criteria specified in the **[APC acronym]** Shared care guideline.

**Please note**: It would normally be expected that prescribers would agree to an out-of-area specialist request if the **[Region]** RAG designation is green or amber.

For prescribing requests following a private consultation refer to **[Region name]** guidance.