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Adrenalin Auto-Injectors (AAs) safety campaign

The MHRA has announced a new campaign around AAs along with an infographic and a video. The campaign has been designed so that patients, healthcare professionals and the wider public can be better informed and therefore equipped to understand the importance of AAs as a potential life-saving medicine. Further information can be found [here](#).

Contact details for the Continence and Stoma service

The Continence and Stoma service would like to inform clinicians that the most efficient way to contact them would be via SystmOne Task or email (rg-h-tr.continence.service@nhs.net). This would help mitigate time lost on hold during phone calls.

Updated COPD Guidelines

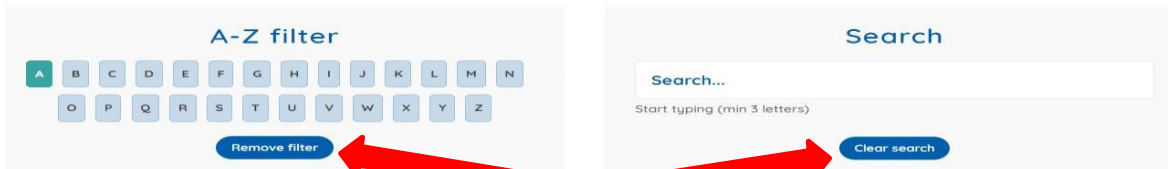
Rotherham Place COPD guidelines have been updated in collaboration with our respiratory colleagues at TRFT and Sheffield Teaching Hospitals. The guidance can be found in the Top Tips and Therapeutics section of the yourhealthrotherham.co.uk site.

Updated Traffic Light System (TLS) Page

The Rotherham Place MMT have redesigned and updated the local traffic light system with a new search function and A - Z filter section. The new [TLS](#) can be found in the [For Clinicians](#) section of the yourhealthrotherham.co.uk website.

After selecting a letter to filter by, or using the Search box, site users should remember to click the **Remove filter** or **Clear search** buttons before choosing the next letter or new search.

Traffic Light System



Hypromellose eye drop changes

Hypromellose has been moved from the “drug” section of the Drug Tariff to the “appliance” section. Therefore, it is now necessary to prescribe Hypromellose as a specific brand to guarantee a low price. Additional to this, our formulary choice of preservative-free Hypromellose has been recently discontinued. Going forward we recommend a choice of 2 options for both standard and preservative free Hypromellose. Having multiple options should help to reduce problems with further out-of-stocks. OptimiseRx has also been updated with the options below.

Mild dry eye (<4 drops a day) Consider self-care

- Aaculose or Aapromel Hypromellose 0.3% eye drops 10 mL

Moderate dry eye (4-6 drops a day)

- Xailin Hydrate or Tear-Lac Hypromellose 0.3% eye drops, **preservative free** 10 mL

Valproate Annual Risk Acknowledgement Form (VARAF) process aid for Epilepsy Patients under the care of SCH/STH.

The MMT has produced a flow chart to aid practices meet the requirements surrounding the use of valproate in epilepsy. Please note that in this first instance, the MMT has already contacted the Sheffield epilepsy service for those patients that have been seen within the last 5 years (as denoted by the box) and added the “referral for completion of VARAF” Read-Code to practice systems. The Epilepsy service has confirmed that for these patients, the VARAF will be completed and sent to practices.

Valproate Annual Risk Acknowledgement Form (VARAF) SCH/STH and “Epilepsy”

