

GP Fact Sheet: Arrangements for the access to antimicrobials for Rotherham Community-based Patients with Infections in whom Nystatin Pessaries, Linezolid or Fidaxomicin are the only treatment options.

GP

- The patient is in the community and microbiology has advised that one of the above drugs is to be prescribed.
- Microbiology will not have seen the patient but will be advising based on sensitivities.
- The GP will need to check that there are no contraindications to the recommended antibiotic

Microbiologist Advise G.P. to prescribe on FP10 prescription

Patient in the community requires use of one of the following drugs

- Nystatin Pessaries-**This should be obtained from The Rotherham Foundation Trust (TRFT) Inpatient Pharmacy** and prescribed for candida sensitivities in whom no other agents *are suitable*
- Linezolid – symptomatic cellulitis in whom no other oral agents *are suitable*
- Fidaxomicin – symptomatic recurrent clostridium difficile that has not responded to treatment with metronidazole and/or vancomycin

GP / Community Pharmacy / patient/ representative

GP, Community pharmacy or patient/ representative to contact TRFT Inpatient Pharmacy during normal opening hours to check drug availability and discuss how the prescription is to get to the hospital and who will collect the drug.

Inpatient Pharmacy opening hours and phone number.

Mon to Fri

10:00 to 19:00

Weekends and Bank holidays

10:00 to 15:00

TRFT pharmacy 01709 424472

Patient presents at community pharmacy with FP10 prescription

Community pharmacy unable to obtain prescription at all or in a timely manner

GP

Issue patient with **printed** (non-EPS) FP10 and advise to try and obtain prescription from their community pharmacy.

Community pharmacies will not routinely stock these antibiotics leading to a delay in starting medication: patients should be advised on the timescale that is acceptable in these circumstances.

If treatment is to start

Patient/representative presents at TRFT Inpatient Pharmacy with FP10 prescription (not token).

If this is not possible GP practice to call TRFT Pharmacy (01709 424472) to arrange for scanned copy of the FP10 to be sent by email to the duty pharmacist. Original prescription to follow via post asap.

TRFT Inpatient Pharmacy

1. Where patient/representative is unable to collect the prescription consider use of Lloyds delivery service or taxi service (approval will be needed from the chief Pharmacist or deputy for any taxi deliveries)
2. Check allergies/interactions/ contraindications with G.P or patient as appropriate
3. Inform patient / G.P. regarding opening hours and access to the department when shutter is down
4. Clinically check and dispense drug
5. Completed prescription to be sent to the Chief Pharmacist