

NHS Board New Medicines Decisions - National Standard Template -

Work has been undertaken nationally by the ADTC collaborative led by Health Improvement Scotland to develop standardised wording for use by Health Boards in recording local implementation of Scottish Medicines Consortium decisions.

In Scotland, a newly licensed medicine is routinely available for use in an NHS board only after it has been:

- Accepted for use in NHS Scotland by the Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC), and/or
- Accepted for use by the NHS board's Area Drug and Therapeutics Committee (ADTC)

There are six categories of decisions with standardised wording that will be used with immediate effect (May 2016) for all SMC decisions:

- Available in line with national guidance (link to SMC advice)
- Available in line with local guidance for prescribing (link, if desired, to local guidance)
- Available from a specialist centre in another NHS board
- Not available as not recommended for use in NHS Scotland (link to relevant SMC advice)
- Not routinely available as local clinical experts do not wish to add the medicine to the formulary at this time or there is a local preference for alternative medicines (link to local guidance)
- Not routinely available as local implementation plans are being developed or the ADTC is waiting for further advice from local clinical experts – decision expected by <enter date>

Boards were asked to implement the above wording and feedback any comments to Health Improvement Scotland in May 2016 to consider if the new wording captures adequately all local decisions.