

B12 injection reauthorisation

A number of practices have raised queries regarding the need to reauthorise B12 injections for community staff to be able to administer.

It is expected that all patients receive an annual review of their medication and this would include reauthorisation if these medications are being administered by community nurses.

Best practice would be 6 months for certain medications but workload in primary care is challenging so we acknowledge that this may not be achievable for all medications or by practices or community nurses due to the workloads.

In the case of B12 this is administered every 3 months and so 12 months is a reasonable reauthorisation interval. However prescribers will need to consider the risk of the medication and whether it requires closer monitoring on a more frequent basis depending on blood results and whether this has been newly initiated.

Community staff will be asked to plan in advance and submit these reauthorisation requests to the practices well in advance of need (at least 1 weeks notice). In return can practices please ensure that they act on requests as soon as is feasible.