

## Thurrock CCG Prescribing Quality Incentive Scheme 2018/19

Area of prescribing	Target/requirement	Comments	Points
<b>Financial Target</b>	Practice to achieve <b>2</b> out of the following:  a) Stay within prescribing budget  b) Demonstrate a cost per ASTRO-PU equal to or below the CCG average  c) Demonstrate a growth in costs equal to or below the CCG average	This demonstrates cost-effective/quality prescribing.	<b>4</b>
<b>Bimonthly prescribing actions</b>	Prescribing Lead (or deputy) to implement <b>six</b> bimonthly prescribing actions within their practice. Information and requirements relating to the bimonthly action will be emailed to practices, along with deadlines, throughout the year.	Six actions to be implemented during the year as follows:  April 2018 – Melatonin June 2018 – Dermol August 2018 – Dry eyes / branded eye drops October 2018 – Calcium / vitamin D December 2018 – TBC February 2019 – TBC	<b>6</b>
<b>Eclipse Live “Red Alerts”</b>	Practice to demonstrate that they are undertaking reviews of Eclipse Live “Red Alerts” at least once a month.	To qualify for full points, the practice must show that this is being undertaken on <b>eight</b> consecutive months.	<b>8</b>
<b>Antibiotics</b>	Antibiotic audit to be undertaken around <b>one</b> specified condition (e.g. UTI, acute sore throat, acute sinusitis, acute cough etc).	Further resources/audit templates available at <i>Target Antibiotics</i> toolkit  <a href="http://www.rcgp.org.uk/%20TARGETantibiotics/">(http://www.rcgp.org.uk/%20TARGETantibiotics/)</a>	<b>2</b>
<b>ScriptSwitch</b>	Practice to achieve <b>40%</b> consistent combined ScriptSwitch acceptance rate.	This demonstrates cost-effective/quality prescribing.	<b>4</b>
<b>Vitamin D</b>	Practice to demonstrate a cost per ASTRO-PU less than <b>£25</b> per 1,000 ASTRO-PU, or a <b>25%</b> reduction in vitamin D costs.	Low strength vitamin D products (colecalciferol and ergocalciferol) for maintenance or insufficiency are not recommended for GP prescribing.	<b>2</b>
<b>Over the counter (OTC) preparations / grey-list prescribing</b>	Over the counter preparations / grey-list prescribing cost per ASTRO-PU should be less than <b>£75</b> per 1,000 ASTRO-PU (or practice to demonstrate an agreed percentage reduction in costs).	See CCG <i>Policy for prescribing medicines OTC</i> and <i>Good practice guide for the prescribing of paracetamol</i> , and the CCG grey list document.	<b>3</b>

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<b>Emollients</b>	Emollient cost per ASTRO-PU should be less than <b>£75</b> per 1,000 ASTRO-PUs (or practice to demonstrate a <b>10%</b> reduction in costs).	See primary care guidance and ScriptSwitch for further details.	<b>2</b>
<b>Blood glucose testing strips</b>	Review blood glucose testing strips/pen needles/lancets and change to formulary choice.	CCG recommends that audit of blood glucose test strips, lancets and needles is undertaken by Spirit Healthcare. Practices to contact Spirit Healthcare directly by email ( <a href="mailto:implementation@spirit-healthcare.co.uk">implementation@spirit-healthcare.co.uk</a> )	<b>3</b>
<b>Practice specific targets.</b>	Practice to agree and implement <b>two</b> practice specific targets with the CCG Medicines Management Team. These should be fully implemented by <b>31<sup>st</sup> December 2018</b> .	Targets to be discussed/agreed at practice prescribing meeting with CCG prescribing advisor.	<b>8</b> <i>4 points for each target</i>
<b>Total points available</b>			<b>42</b>

#### Prescribing Quality Incentive Scheme Conditions

Practice based support from Medicines Management Team will be available and will include provision of resources e.g. guidance and audit templates to support practices to meet the targets. For audits undertaken by the Medicines Management Team, the expectation is that any suggestions must be implemented within 28 days.

No payment will be made under the Prescribing Quality Incentive Scheme unless clear changes in prescribing have been demonstrated on ePACT.net. Any audit work or supporting information can be submitted to [prescribing.mailbox@nhs.net](mailto:prescribing.mailbox@nhs.net).