

**Flowchart for Warrington CCG Palliative Care Medicine Service**

The aim of this service is to ensure that there is appropriate access to the agreed formulary range of palliative care drugs in accessible locations across NHS Warrington CCG particularly in the extended hours period, and when treatment is needed urgently.

Selected pharmacies will hold the stock of an agreed range of drugs (see following page) used in palliative care. Due to the potential for supply issues of some palliative care drugs, it is advised that prescribers contact the pharmacy to check stock levels before prescribing and before any individuals travel to the pharmacy. This will help to ensure more timely access to these drugs. Other Pharmacies may also carry some of these drugs but not necessarily the full selection.

Is the patient at the end of life and requiring medicines for palliative care?

Yes

Prescriber phones pharmacy using their usual phone number.

*(See the next page for pharmacies offering this service and contact numbers. Please note that patients/carers can still use any pharmacy for palliative care drugs, they are not restricted to using those offering this service, but we recommend following this process to ensure timely access).*

Inform pharmacy that you have a patient requiring palliative care drugs and ask if they have the medication and quantities required in stock.

If yes, then give the patient details and confirm with the patient/family/representative which pharmacy the prescription will be going to.

If item is unavailable, consider an alternative item and check the pharmacy has in stock, or try one of the other pharmacies.

It is also recommended that the prescriber informs the pharmacy of how urgent the prescription is needed and how it will be collected.

**Reminder – Prescription requirements for Schedule 2 and 3 Controlled Drugs**

Please ensure prescriptions for S2 and 3 CD's are written legally with the following details to prevent delays in supply to patient. A pharmacist is **not** allowed to dispense a Controlled Drug unless all the information required by law is given on the prescription.

- Name and address of patient
- Prescribers signature and details
- Date
- **Dose, form** and (where appropriate) **strength** of drug
- **Quantity** in both **words and figures**

**Note:** 'Take as directed' is not a legally valid dose but 'Take ONE as directed is, but this preferably should be written as 'Take ONE as directed every x hours, max x times a day.'

**Example**

Mr J Bloggs  
 1 The House  
 Warrington

DOB: 01/01/1950

Midazolam 10mg/2ml solution for injection  
 ampoules  
 2.5-5mg every 2-4 hours s/c when required  
 4 (four) ampoules

Signed

Date

Prescriber details

**Palliative Care Medicine Service Stock Formulary**

| <b>Drug name and strength</b>        | <b>Form</b>   | <b>Pack size</b> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| <b><i>Breathlessness, Pain</i></b>   |               |                  |
| Morphine 10mg/ml                     | Amps (1ml)    | 10               |
| Morphine 30mg/ml                     | Amps (1ml)    | 10               |
| Oxycodone 10mg/ml                    | Amps (1ml)    | 5                |
| Oxycodone 50mg/ml                    | Amps (1ml)    | 5                |
| Morphine sulfate 10mg/5ml            | Oral solution | 100ml            |
| Diamorphine 5 mg                     | Amps          | 5                |
| Diamorphine 10 mg                    | Amps          | 5                |
| Diamorphine 30mg                     | Amps          | 5                |
| <b><i>Anti-emetic, Delirium</i></b>  |               |                  |
| Haloperidol 5mg/1ml                  | Amps (1ml)    | 10               |
| Haloperidol 0.5mg                    | Tablets       | 28               |
| Levomepromazine 25mg/ml              | Amps (1ml)    | 10               |
| Cyclizine 50mg/ml                    | Amps (1ml)    | 5                |
| <b><i>Anxiety</i></b>                |               |                  |
| Midazolam 10mg/2ml                   | Amps (2ml)    | 10               |
| Lorazepam 1mg                        | Tablets       | 28               |
| Levomepromazine 25mg/ml              | Amps (1ml)    | 10               |
| <b><i>Noisy breathing, colic</i></b> |               |                  |
| Hyoscine Butylbromide 20mg/1ml       | Amps (1ml)    | 10               |
| Glycopyrronium Bromide 200mcg/ml     | Amp (1ml)     | 10               |
| Glycopyrronium Bromide 600mcg/3ml    | Amp (3ml)     | 10               |
| <b><i>Others</i></b>                 |               |                  |
| Alfentanil 1mg/2ml                   | Amp (2ml)     | 10               |
| Dexamethasone 3.3mg/ml               | Vials (1ml)   | 10               |
| Water for Injections                 | Amps (10ml)   | 10               |