

BSW Formulary: <http://bswformulary.nhs.uk/>

Welcome to BSW Formulary - the joint area formulary covering prescribing by Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust, Royal United Hospitals (Bath) NHS Foundation Trust, as well as General Practitioners (GPs) and Non-medical Prescribers across Swindon, Wiltshire, Bath & North East Somerset.

It is anticipated that 90-95% of all prescribing, across both primary and secondary care, will be in line with BSW Formulary.

Traffic light colour coding of formulary medicines

In common with many other area formularies, each medicine on BSW Formulary is allocated a traffic light colour code, depending on who is authorised to prescribe it and when.

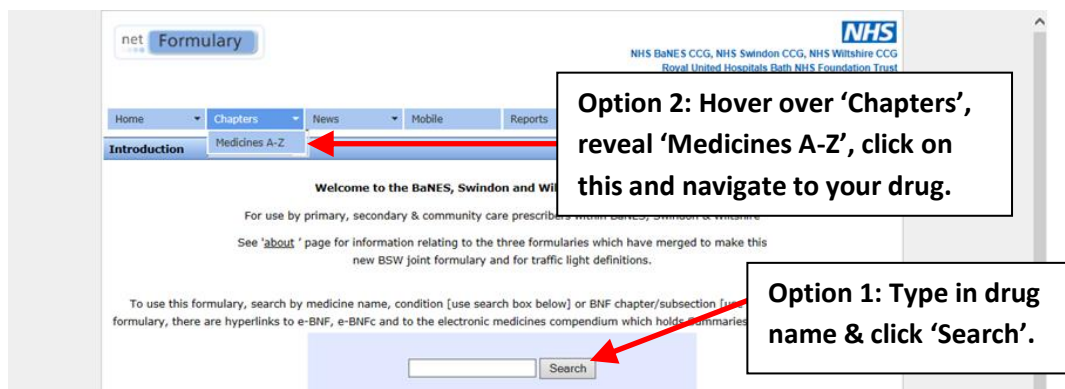
This colour coding is as follows:

Over-the-counter	Self-care	Suitable for patients to be directed to buy themselves, <u>but</u> should be treated as a green drug during a patient's hospital admission.
Any prescriber	Green	Can be initiated in both primary and secondary care.
Specialist Initiation	Amber	Can only be initiated by, or on the advice of, a specialist, but suitable for continuation by primary care without a shared care agreement.
Specialist Initiation	Amber SCA	Can only be initiated by, or on the advice of, a specialist, but suitable for continuation by primary care, <u>provided</u> a shared care agreement is in place.
Hospital only	Red	Can only be prescribed by secondary care and only if initiated by appropriate team or specialist. Primary care prescribers should not be asked to prescribe.

How to use the BSW Formulary website

Searching for a specific drug

- To confirm whether a drug is listed on BSW Formulary, either type part of the drug name into the search box on the homepage and click 'Search' or click on 'Medicines A-Z' in the 'Chapters' drop down menu and navigate to the required drug.



Viewing formulary chapters, sub-chapters & sub-sections

- To view a formulary chapter, sub-chapter or sub-section, click on the 'Chapters' tab at the top of the homepage, click on the link to the relevant chapter and then either click on 'Full Section' to view the whole chapter or click directly on the link to the relevant sub-chapter or sub-section.

The screenshot shows the 'net Formulary' website interface. At the top right, it lists NHS partners: NHS BaNES CCG, NHS Swindon CCG, NHS Wiltshire CCG, Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust, Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, and Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust. A navigation menu includes Home, Chapters, News, Mobile, Reports, Feedback, and Log off. A search bar is present. The main content area is titled 'Formulary Chapter 1: Gastro-intestinal system - Full Section'. Below this, there are sections for 'Gastroenterology-related Prescribing Guidance' and 'Gastroenterology-related Shared Care Agreements'. A list of sub-sections is shown with counts in brackets, such as 'Dyspepsia and gastro-oesophageal reflux disease (0,1)'. Red arrows and callout boxes provide navigation instructions: one points to the 'Full Section' link with the text 'Click on 'Full Section' to view the whole chapter.', and another points to a sub-section link with the text 'Click directly on the link to the relevant sub-chapter or sub-section.'

Viewing formulary prescribing guidelines & shared care agreements (SCAs)

- To locate a specific prescribing guideline, treatment pathway or shared care agreement *without having to access a specific formulary chapter*, simply click on the relevant tile on the homepage.

The screenshot shows a grid of navigation tiles on the homepage. The tiles include: 'BSW Prescribing Guidelines', 'BSW Shared Care Guidance', 'BSW Management of Infections in Primary Care', 'BaNES CCG', 'Swindon CCG', 'Wiltshire CCG', 'Blueteq forms [link coming soon]', 'Private Prescribing Policies [link coming soon]', and 'MHRA Yellow Card Scheme'. Red arrows and callout boxes provide instructions: one points to the 'BSW Prescribing Guidelines' tile with the text 'Click here for prescribing guidance & treatment pathways.', and another points to the 'BSW Shared Care Guidance' tile with the text 'Click here for shared care agreements.'

- Please do bear with us as the website is still under development, so some drugs will have multiple traffic light status according to which formulary was previously used. Work will be undertaken to sort through all the drugs with multiple traffic lights but we anticipate this will take quite some time to do.
- The 3 formulary groups that ran the 3 local formularies in our STP will still run using the single website until we can start an Area Prescribing Committee, which we anticipate will be January or April 2020, depending on structural changes across the STP.
- We are also allowing an overlap of the 3Ts website (GWH/Swindon/Wilts) and microguide (Wilts/SFT) to run just in case there are any major problems with the new netformulary website. Some traffic light status will be different on the websites compared to netformulary, so we advise you to only use the netformulary website now.
- There is also a netformulary app for your phone to access our formulary (free to use)- see separate guidance on how to use.
- If you require further assistance or have any comments or questions, please contact bsw.netformulary@nhs.net.