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## ACTIONS this month:-

- Please run “inadvertent co-prescribing” searches
- Please implement the cost-effective switches (*Prescribe Well, Spend Less*)
- Read the Priadel and the new Steroid Card CAS alerts
- Ensure the APC and BSW formulary websites are easily accessible

### Inadvertent co-prescribing of DOACS and Warfarin

During COVID, in line with NHSE guidance, many patients have been switched from warfarin to DOACs. Anticipating the possibility of occasional serious errors where patients inadvertently receive BOTH anticoagulants concurrently, a national analysis was undertaken of prescription data. Out of a sample of 197 patients identified, 54 (27%) had co-prescribing errors. Across BSW CCG, 11 practices were contacted and asked to review 19 patients identified by this data set in July. There are now 2 searches available in SystmONE for practices to identify any current patients potentially still at risk.

- Clinical Reporting/ Arden’s Ltd/Alerts Other/ Cas Alerts/Review as DOAC and Warfarin on repeat
- Clinical Reporting/ Arden’s Ltd/Alerts Other/ Cas Alerts/Review as DOAC and Warfarin issued in last 6 months

Please note further work to improve the safety of DOAC prescribing will be shared shortly with practices.

**ACTION: Please run these searches and review patients and practice processes to reduce risk.**

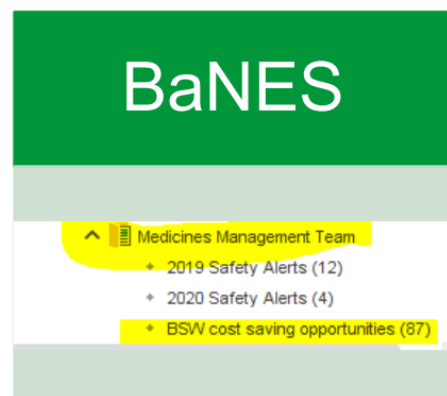
### Cost-effective switches: Prescribe Well, Spend Less 2020/21

The Meds Op team has collated a number of guidance & formulary updates, brands of choice, low value medicines and other cost optimisation initiatives in a single document and produced searches on TPP to identify the relevant patients.

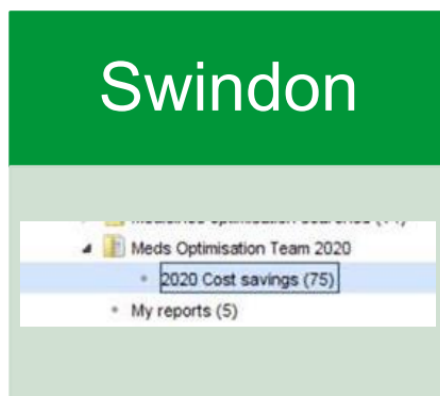
The list will be updated throughout the year to reflect the most up to date advice & cost saving opportunities.

<https://prescribing.bswccg.nhs.uk/?wpdmdl=6011>

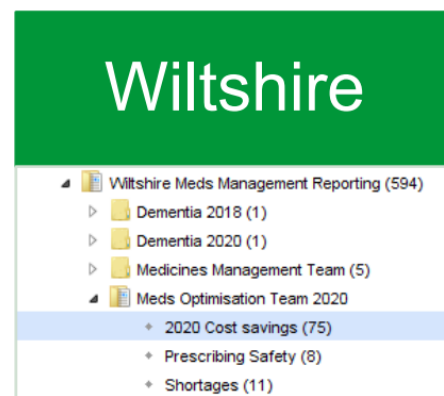
## BaNES



## Swindon



## Wiltshire



**ACTION: Please run searches to identify patients, review and implement the suggested switches. Please coordinate with community pharmacy to ensure stocks are managed and patients are well informed.**

## BSW Area Prescribing Committee (APC) Updates

The BSW APC was established in September 2020 by stakeholder organisations to provide a BSW-wide process for developing a [joint medicine formulary](#) and associated prescribing guidelines. The [BSW APC website](#) includes information on the formulary decision making process, dates of meetings and explains how clinicians can make a submission to the formulary.

APC decisions will be communicated via this newsletter and on the APC and formulary websites. A summary of changes made to the BSW formulary (by the previous individual formulary groups) since March 2020 can be found [here](#). **This summary includes updates to Prescribing Guidelines and to Shared Care Agreements, additions of new medicines, new indications to existing medicines and changes in traffic-light status.** Please note, some changes have yet to be agreed across the whole of BSW. Please bear with us as we work to review these and please follow the guidance for your locality.

The first APC meeting is on the 24<sup>th</sup> September and future meeting dates can be found [here](#).

**ACTION: Add the BSW APC and the BSW formulary websites to your favourites or as shortcuts on your desktop/laptop for ease of access.**

## CAS Alerts August 2020

[Priadel discontinuation in April 2021](#) – The key message from the [recent communication](#) circulated is do NOT switch patients and continue to issue prescriptions for Priadel as normal. We are not aware of any stock issues but please contact us if you do experience shortages. Further guidance regarding switching patients will be coming shortly as we work closely with our AWP colleagues.

[New Steroid Emergency Card](#) launched to reduce harm caused by the risk of adrenal crisis in steroid dependent patients and to raise awareness amongst health care professionals and patients. Further resources to support this alert e.g clinical system searches to identify patients will be available shortly.

## Meds Optimisation Webinars – Save the date

The Meds Opt Team is hosting monthly webinars via Microsoft Teams – please contact us if you would like to attend and we will send you the link.

Meds Opt Webinar 12<sup>th</sup> August 2020 – Meds Opt across the BSW (slides only) <https://prescribing.bswccg.nhs.uk/?wpdmdl=7434>

Date/time	Planned Topics
16th September, 1.30pm	Incentive Scheme – Summary of the scheme and projects – focus on DOACs
14th October, 1.30pm	PCN Network Contract DES – Summary of what CCG request – DES Focus on Dependence Forming Meds
11th November, 1.30pm	PCN Network Contract DES Antimicrobial Stewardship, DES resources to support structured medication review (SMR)

## Website Updates

BSW Guidance for the use of Proton Pump Inhibitors (PPIs) in Adults	<a href="https://prescribing.bswccg.nhs.uk/?wpdmdl=6250">https://prescribing.bswccg.nhs.uk/?wpdmdl=6250</a>
BSW Chronic Migraine Pathway for Adults	<a href="https://prescribing.bswccg.nhs.uk/?wpdmdl=6400">https://prescribing.bswccg.nhs.uk/?wpdmdl=6400</a>
BSW Ranitidine Supply Disruption Guidance	<a href="https://prescribing.bswccg.nhs.uk/?wpdmdl=7454">https://prescribing.bswccg.nhs.uk/?wpdmdl=7454</a>
ADHD Shared Care Agreement (SCA) Adults	<a href="https://prescribing.bswccg.nhs.uk/?wpdmdl=6736">https://prescribing.bswccg.nhs.uk/?wpdmdl=6736</a>
ADHD SCA Children and Adolescents	<a href="https://prescribing.bswccg.nhs.uk/?wpdmdl=6879">https://prescribing.bswccg.nhs.uk/?wpdmdl=6879</a>

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