

Process identifying how Erythropoietic Stimulating Agents (ESA) can be delivered to patients.

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Introduction.

ESA agents are sometimes required to address anaemia associated with chronic kidney disease (CKD). An anaemia correction protocol and shared care protocol is in place. This document outlines how the administration/ delivery of ESA agents across the varied CCGs served by Wolverhampton NHS Trust can be accomplished.

This document is needed as there are several different systems used for ESA administration/ delivery. Although, there is a plan by NHS England to support ESA prescribing by secondary care alone, the precise details of the repatriation of this process has not been finalised. Historically, all Wolverhampton PCT, and now CCG, patients have received deliveries of their ESAs using a home delivery process. This service was derived as a result of negotiations of ESA contracts with the various companies and the NHS. These home delivery processes coupled with contract negotiations, has led to significant savings for the NHS. However, other PCTs, and now CCGs, such as Walsall, South Staffs etc, have as yet not been involved in these arrangements. As a result, the long established ESA Shared Care Process has continued, with patient receiving ESA supplies from their respective GPs.

This document describes the systems to utilise based upon the locale of the patients and the CCGs involved in the commissioning of their care. By referencing the CCGs involved in the patient care, the relevant prescribing/administrative/ delivery processes are defined. The PCT/CCG details are identified in eMed, by checking the details of the GPs.

If in the future, there is a change and the whole process is repatriated to secondary care, then the Home Delivery Process can be used for all. However, this will involve an increased resource requirement from the Renal Staff, from Pharmacy Staff and the Home Delivery Service.

Protocol of ESA deliveries

Patient is commenced on ESA - see ESA protocol

Deliveries of ESA depends upon the CCG. Currently, NHS England has, as yet, not repatriated the finances of ESA prescribing to Wolverhampton. Thus, there is a reliance for ESA prescribing to be coordinated, using the Home delivery processes, FP10 and GP prescribing. If repatriation does occur, then the Home Delivery process could be considered for all, depending upon the final arrangements and finances,

Wolverhampton CCG

Use Home delivery process

Initiate ESA as per protocol

Educate patient re administration of the drug ± engag family to assist or seek help from GP/ District nurses

Issue 2 weeks of ESA from the hospital pharmacy if needed

Liaise with HD/PD/CKD nurse teams

ESA deliveries arranged with the Home Care service. Usual prescription is valid for 6 months. Service delivers for 2 months of supplies at a time. Service informs the Renal unit when the deliveries are made. Details are recorded in eMed.

Issue prescription using Renal Reporting process.

Record details of issuance in eMed in the anaemia home deliveries section.

Continue to monitor response to drug - see protocol

ESA adjustments to record in eMed

Inform Home Care service of when doses have been changed

Inform patient of dose changes

Record new ESA home delivery prescriptions in eMed as before.

If patient struggles with the home care process, ESA doses may be needed from Pharmacy. Please discuss case with the supervising consultant and Pharmacy

Shrophshire/ North Birmingham CCGs

Fp10s from Wolverhampton.

Initiate ESA as per protocol

Educate patient re administration of the drug ± engag family to assist or seek help from GP/ District nurses

Issue 2 weeks of ESA from the hospital pharmacy if needed

Liaise with HD/PD/CKD nurse teams

Use Green FP10 scripts for ESA supplies. Issue in 3 monthly cycles.

Patient will then get ESA from their own pharmacies.

Record details of issuance in eMed in the anaemia FP10 section.

Continue to monitor response to drug - see protocol

ESA adjustments to record in eMed

Inform patient of dose changes

Record details of issuance in eMed in the anaemia FP10 section.

If the patient cannot gain supplies from the Shared care process, then please inform the supervising consultant and Pharmacy. ESA prescriptions may have to be issued from the Trust.

All other CCGs.

GP prescribing and Shared Care Process

Initiate ESA as per protocol

Educate patient re administration of the drug ± engag family to assist or seek help from GP/ District nurses

Issue 2 weeks of ESA from the hospital pharmacy if needed

Liaise with HD/PD/CKD nurse teams

Send ESA shared care documents to GP - available on the Intranet, protocols section for Renal.

GPs to offer ongoing ESA supplies and patient to pick up supplies from their own pharmacies.

Continue to monitor response to drug - see protocol

ESA adjustments to record in eMed

Inform GPs when doses have been changed

Inform patient of dose changes

If the patient cannot gain supplies from the Shared care process, then please inform the supervising consultant and Pharmacy. ESA prescriptions may have to be issued from the Trust.