

Shared Care Medicines

This document outlines the medicines included on the PTHB formulary as 'shared care', as per Table 1.

Shared care medicines are medicines where the responsibility for prescribing and monitoring treatment is shared between a specialist team and primary care. Treatment is initiated and stabilised by a specialist before requesting that primary care enter into an agreement to jointly manage the patient's care.

The specialist requesting shared care is responsible for providing the primary care clinician with comprehensive written information at the time of the request to transfer prescribing responsibility, including clear guidance on treatment plans, monitoring requirements, and arrangements for specialist review.

The primary care clinician is normally required to confirm their agreement to shared care by returning the completed documentation or notifying the specialist service, before prescribing is initiated in primary care.

Once shared care has been agreed, both the specialist clinician and primary care are responsible for adhering to their responsibilities as specified in the specific shared care agreement.

The AWTTTC All Wales Shared Care Framework (August 2025) can be accessed for additional information.

Formulary Status: AMBER (SHARED CARE) - Medicines initiated by hospital specialist, but where continuing treatment by primary care prescribers may be appropriate under a shared care agreement. ^{SCP}

Table 1:

Common medications and conditions where medicines may be continued in primary care via shared care include:	
Cardiac medications	Amiodarone
	Dronedarone
ADHD / mental health medications	Atomoxetine
	Dexamfetamine
	Guanfacine
	Lisdexamfetamine
	Methylphenidate
	Melatonin (Paediatric patients only)
	Lithium
Growth hormones	Somatropin (Adult patients only)
Immunosuppressants / specialist medications often used in long term conditions	Apomorphine
	Azathioprine
	Ciclosporin
	Cyclophosphamide
	Hydroxycarbamide
	Leflunomide
	Mercaptopurine
	Methotrexate
	Mycophenolate
	Penicillamine
	Riluzole
Sulfasalazine	
Tobramycin (nebules)	
<i>This list is not exhaustive and prescribers should always check the PTHB formulary for the most up to date information.</i>	