

Unlicensed Medicines

The Worcestershire CCGs advise GPs not to prescribe products that do not have a UK medicine product license, (this includes those that may have a license in another country). Prescribers have a responsibility to ensure that the medicines they prescribe are safe. As these products are not licensed under the Medicines Act, the manufacturer is not obliged to produce official clinical information to the standard required for licensed medicines. This means that the prescriber cannot have the same level of confidence in a product's safety or effectiveness as they have for UK licensed medicines. Some of these products are classed as food substitutes and do not appear in any official information sources.

Your GP will review your prescription and either recommend that you purchase the preparation yourself or where they feel it's appropriate they may recommend an alternative option. In some cases there may be a licensed preparation that your GP could prescribe if appropriate; otherwise you may choose to purchase the preparation yourself.

By not using unlicensed medicines, the National Health Service will save money. Every pound saved can be used by your GP in other ways to benefit you, your family and other patients.

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