

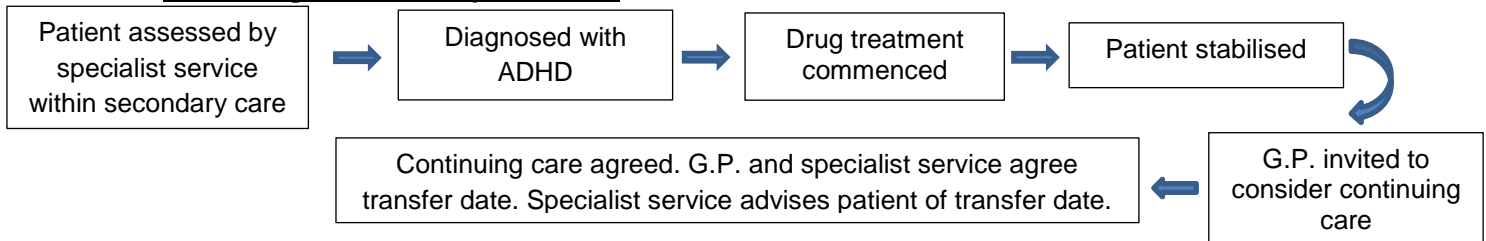
Medication for the treatment of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)

SUMMARY SHEET

1. Choice of Medicines

- Methylphenidate preparations are first-line treatments if medication is required
- Lisdexamphetamine is second choice for children if methylphenidates or atomoxetine have been tried or if a soluble once-daily dosage is essential. (BLACK TRIANGLE REPORTING REQUIRED)
- Atomoxetine is an alternative, licenced for adults, and not a Controlled Drug.

2. Continuing Care Pathway Flowchart



3. Responsibilities

3.1. Specialist Service

- Diagnosis
- Initialise and stabilise treatment
- Baseline monitoring:
 - Height
 - Weight
 - B.P.
 - Heart rate
 - ECG (if history of CV disease)
 - LFTs (for atomoxetine)
- 3 month monitoring:
 - Height
 - Weight
 - BP
 - Heart rate
- Request continuing care with G.P. once patient is stable
- Outpatient review at least every 6 months for children, annually for adults
- Advise G.P. on when to adjust the dose, discontinue treatment and consult with consultant

3.2 General Practitioner

- Initial referral to secondary care
- Reply to the request for shared care
- Continue prescribing of medicine once it is established
- Monitoring:
 - Children every 6 months:
 - Height
 - Weight
 - BP
 - Heart rate
 - Adults every 12 months:
 - Height
 - Weight
 - BP
 - Heart rate
- Refer back to consultant if patient's condition deteriorates (see full continuing care guidelines)

3.3 Patient

- Share any concerns in relation to treatment with specialist service/G.P.
- Inform specialist service or G.P. if any other medication is being taken, including over the counter products
- Report any side effects

For additional information please refer to the full Continuing Care Guidelines Document.

4. Advice and Useful Information

- Full continuing care guidelines on ADHD – includes specialists' contact details - http://iconnect/_uploads/documents/pharmacy/nep-adhd-continuing-care-guidelines-131105.pdf
- NICE CG72 - <http://publications.nice.org.uk/attention-deficit-hyperactivity-disorder-cg72>
- ABPI medicine compendium for SPC - www.medicines.org.uk