

New formulary categories in South East London

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Why are they changing?

The NHS is introducing nationally consistent formulary categories to:

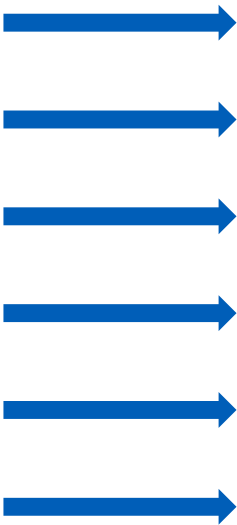
- ✓ Support implementation of the Single National Formulary
- ✓ Reduce variation across England
- ✓ Improve consistency for patients and clinicians

What does this mean for me?

- This is primarily a change in terminology and visuals to align with the Single National Formulary
- Existing prescribing arrangements remain in place
- Existing local governance processes remain in place

CURRENT SEL CATEGORY

GREEN
AMBER 1
AMBER 2
AMBER 3
RED
Non-formulary



NEW NATIONAL CATEGORY

All settings
Specialist advice
Specialist initiation
Shared care
Specialist only
Do not prescribe



Go-live

planned for week of
5th October 2026

What to expect: Both the adult and paediatric formularies will start to use the new categories. During the transition there may be references to both new and old terminology whilst these are embedded.

Want to find out more?

 Scan the QR code to watch a 4-minute explainer video

 Click this link: [VIDEO](#)

 Contact your local medicines optimisation team or formulary team

