

**South East London Integrated Medicines Optimisation Committee  
Formulary recommendation**

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| <b>Reference</b>                                | <b>041</b>  |
| <b>Intervention:</b>                            | <b>Lisdexamfetamine dimesylate (Elvanse Adult<sup>®</sup>) capsules for attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) in ADULTS</b><br>(Lisdexamfetamine dimesylate is an inactive pro-drug which breaks down into dexamfetamine. Dexamfetamine is an amphetamine based medicine which increases dopamine and noradrenaline concentration in the synapse)   |
| <b>Date of Decision</b>                         | <b>November 2015. Updated December 2022</b>   |
| <b>Date of Issue:</b>                           | <b>December 2015. Re-issued December 2022</b>   |
| <b>Recommendation:</b>                          | <b>Amber 3 – Specialist mental health team initiation and supply. GPs may be asked to take on prescribing under a full shared care agreement.</b>   |
| <b>Further Information</b>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lisdexamfetamine (Elvanse Adult<sup>®</sup>) is supported for use within South East London for the treatment of adult ADHD in line with <a href="#">NICE guidance</a> as a <b>first line option or if a 6 week trial of methylphenidate has not been successful.</b></li> <li>• Lisdexamfetamine may also be considered for continuation in patients already stabilised on existing amphetamine based therapy, for example patients transitioning from child to adult ADHD services.</li> <li>• Lisdexamfetamine may be preferable to dexamfetamine as it is licensed for use in adult ADHD and is taken once daily.</li> <li>• Lisdexamfetamine has a high risk of diversion and is a Schedule 2 controlled drug. The potential for abuse, misuse or diversion should be considered prior to prescribing.</li> <li>• Refer to the <a href="#">SEL shared care prescribing guideline for complex ADHD in adults</a> and <a href="#">SEL IMOC recommendation 040 – dexamfetamine for adult ADHD</a> for further information.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Shared Care/ Transfer of care required:</b>  | Yes   |
| <b>Cost Impact for agreed patient group</b>     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Costs are comparable to current treatments for ADHD for which lisdexamfetamine would be an alternative treatment option, therefore no additional significant budget impact is expected.</li> <li>• Lisdexamfetamine costs less than dexamfetamine at equivalent treatment doses and therefore in addition to convenient dosing, it could be cost saving to the local health economy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Dexamfetamine at a dose of 10mg-60mg daily (divided doses) cost £644-£3861 per patient per year</li> <li>– Lisdexamfetamine 30mg-70mg daily costs £757-£1,081 per patient per year.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |
| <b>Usage Monitoring &amp; Impact Assessment</b> | <b>Mental Health Trusts and teams:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor and submit usage and audit data on request to the Committee</li> <li>• Ensure shared care guideline is implemented and adhered to</li> </ul>  |
|   | <b>SEL Borough Medicines Teams:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor ePACT2 data and exception reports from GPs if inappropriate prescribing requests are made to primary care</li> </ul>   |

| Evidence reviewed | References (from evidence review)  |
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**NOTES:**

- a) SEL IMOC recommendations and minutes are available publicly via the [website](#).
- b) This SEL IMOC recommendation has been made on the cost effectiveness, patient outcome and safety data available at the time. The recommendation will be subject to review if new data becomes available, costs are higher than expected or new NICE guidelines or technology appraisals are issued.
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