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Cais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth / Freedom of Information request **Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 23-C-012**

You asked:

For information in relation to the prescribing of medication for people with dementia. Dementia medication was previously prescribed by the Memory Clinic staff within the Health Board, but has since change to GP prescribing.

I would therefore wish to receive any document held by the Board that:

a) sets out the reason for the change from nurse prescribing to G.P. prescribing

The reason for transfer of prescribing drugs for dementia from Memory Clinics to GP practices was to ensure the Health Board was in line with NICE recommendations (2018). This change was agreed by the Health Boards Medicines Management Operational Board (with Primary and secondary care representation) and a Clinical Guideline was developed setting out responsibilities (see attached).

b) sets out the timetable for such a change

There was an initial pilot of four GP practices in September 2021. Rollout of the process was agreed from January 2022 by the Mental Health & Learning Disability Drugs & Therapeutics Committee (which has Primary Care, LMC and Secondary Care representation) and also by the Primary Care Prescribing Advisory Group.

c) advised G.P's about the change in arrangements and the relevant dates when the change was to be made for their practice

The SBU Primary Care Medicines Management Team in conducting this process, will have liaised with the Memory Clinic and made contact with the relevant GP practice and agreement obtained from them before implementation. The move across has been carried out, one GP practice at a time.

d) sets out the arrangements for advising patients with dementia of the coming changes to their pharmacy arrangements and giving the mode of communication used (e.g. email, telephone call, or letter).

The memory clinic staff sent a letter to each patient explaining the change.



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e) sets out the areas served by the Board that were to be affected by this change - for example was it limited to Swansea or parts of Swansea or did it apply to the whole of the Board's served population?

This applied to the whole Health Board area – see attached a tracker document showing details of practices.

