Continence Formulary and Request Form

A new continence formulary and order form has been developed by Andrea Davies, the lead continence nurse for Shropshire.

- All care homes have been informed.
- All community trust clinicians have already been sent the formulary and request form by the Trust through the datix system.
- The order form has been added to Emis as a template letter. Go to 'add document' and search for 'continence'

GP practices Prescription Clerks

Prescription requests from DNs and care homes should be made on request form.

Requests from Appliance contractors will come as usual but check quantities ordered are in line with recommended on the request form. Query quantities over those recommended with contractor.

District Nurses

District nurses are requested to use the order form.

Newly catheterised patients should be prescribed products from the formulary.

Existing patients should be reviewed and given products from the formulary if at all possible. If patient has a specific reason for use of a non-formulary product please document on Emis if you have access and fill in the exemption section on the order form. Self-catheterising patients may wish to remain using the product with which they are most comfortable.

Appliance Contractors

Quantities requested should be in line with guidance unless there is a specific problem that makes this inappropriate. Practices and staff can contact the continence team for specific advice. Items should not be supplied to patients unless a prescription has been received.

Care Homes

Prescription requests should be sent to the GP practice on the request form. Products should be selected from the formulary unless a resident has a specific need for a different product which should be documented.

Community Pharmacies

The formulary will be on the Shropshire CCG website.

This information, plus the following documents, is available at
http://www.shropshireccg.nhs.uk/docs-prescrib:
- Shropshire Continence Prescribing Guide
- Continence Formulary Request Form