



1 June 2020

## **Medicine Supply Alert Notice**

### **Fluoxetine 40mg capsules**

**Priority: Level 2\***

**Valid until: TBC**

#### **Issue**

1. Advanz, sole supplier, are out of stock of fluoxetine 40mg capsules with a resupply date to be confirmed.
2. Fluoxetine 20mg capsules remain available.

#### **Advice and Actions**

3. For patients with insufficient supplies, clinicians should consider prescribing an alternative formulation of fluoxetine.
4. Community pharmacists may supply fluoxetine 20mg capsules for eligible patients.

#### **Additional Information**

5. Patient reassurance may be needed due to differences in packaging of each formulation.

#### **Enquiries**

6. Enquiries from Health Boards or healthcare professionals should be directed in the first instance to [PharmacyTeam@gov.scot](mailto:PharmacyTeam@gov.scot) (primary care) or [NSS.NHSSMedicineShortages@nhs.net](mailto:NSS.NHSSMedicineShortages@nhs.net) (secondary care).