

2 March 2021

## **Medicine Supply Alert Notice**

Fluoxetine 40mg capsules

**Priority: Level 2\***  
**Valid until: end of March 2021**

### **Issue**

1. Advanz, sole supplier, are out of stock of fluoxetine 40mg capsules until the end of March 2021.
2. Fluoxetine 20mg capsules remain available and can support an uplift in demand.

### **Advice and Actions**

3. For patients with insufficient supplies, community pharmacists may supply fluoxetine 20mg capsules.
4. If the above option is not deemed appropriate, clinicians should consider prescribing an alternative formulation of fluoxetine.

### **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.scot](mailto:NSS.NHSSMedicineShortages@nhs.scot) (secondary care).