



15 April 2021

## **Medicine Supply Alert Notice**

### **Rifinah<sup>®</sup> 300mg/150mg (rifampicin 300mg/isoniazid 150mg) tablets**

**Priority: Level 2\***

**Valid until: late April 2021**

#### **Issue**

1. Sanofi will be out of stock of Rifinah<sup>®</sup> 300mg/150mg tablets (rifampicin 300mg/isoniazid 150mg) from w/c 5<sup>th</sup> April until late April 2021.
2. DrugsRUs are also out of stock with no confirmed date for resupply.
3. There are sufficient supplies of rifampicin 300mg capsules and isoniazid 100mg and 50mg tablets to support this gap in supply.

#### **Advice and Actions**

4. Health Board pharmacy procurement teams should work with clinical leads to:
  - review local stock holding of Rifinah<sup>®</sup> 300mg/150mg tablets against anticipated demand and identify if additional supply is needed to bridge the gap until the Sanofi re-supply date;
  - consider temporarily switching patients to rifampicin 300mg capsules and isoniazid 100mg and/or 50mg tablets until Rifinah<sup>®</sup> 300mg/150mg tablets are back in stock, ensuring any such switch is supported by appropriate counselling; and/or
  - consider limiting the length of prescriptions for Rifinah<sup>®</sup> 300mg/150mg tablets to a maximum length of four weeks during this period, if local stock holding allows.
5. All organisations are asked not to stockpile or order quantities that exceed current actual demand; ordering patterns will be monitored and may be challenged.

#### **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).