



29 September 2023

Medicine Supply Alert Notice

Discontinuation of lixisenatide (Lyxumia®) 20micrograms/0.2ml solution for injection 3ml pre-filled disposable devices

Priority: Level 2*

Valid until: stock will be exhausted by w/c 18th December 2023

Issue

1. Lixisenatide (Lyxumia®) 20micrograms/0.2ml solution for injection 3ml pre-filled disposable devices are being discontinued and stock will be exhausted by w/c 18th December 2023.
2. Please refer to the Medicines Supply Tool on the Specialist Pharmacy Service (SPS) website for a supply update of other glucagon-like peptide receptor agonists (GLP-1 RA) and clinical guidance on alternative treatment options.
3. Information in the National Patient Safety Alert (NatPSA) on the shortage of GLP-1 receptor agonists issued on the 18th July 2023 can be used to guide management of patients switching from lixisenatide.

Advice and Actions

4. Healthcare professionals should:
 - proactively identify and review patients established on lixisenatide (Lyxumia®);
 - review the need for a GLP-1 RA and stop treatment if the patient has not achieved beneficial metabolic effect as set out in [NICE NG28](#); and
 - refer to the [NatPSA](#) to guide selection of alternative glucose lowering therapy.

Additional Information

Updates on GLP-1 RA's stock availability, provided by the UK Department of Health and Social Care, will continue to be posted on the [Medicine Supply Tool](#) and designated '[Prescribing available GLP-1 receptor agonists](#)' page on the [SPS website](#).

Please refer to the link below

- [Joint PCDS and ABCD guidance: GLP-1 receptor agonist national shortage](#)
- [BNF lixisenatide](#)
- [SmPC lixisenatide](#)
- [Sanofi – discontinuation notification - Lyxumia](#)

Specialist Pharmacy Service (SPS) website

5. The UK Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) in conjunction with SPS have launched an online Medicines Supply Tool, which provides up to date information about medicine supply issues.
6. To access the online Medicines Supply Tool you need to register with the [SPS website](#). Registration for access to the website is available to UK healthcare professionals and organisations providing NHS healthcare. The tool is located under the Tools tab and then click on the Medicines Supply option.
7. We encourage prescribers, pharmacy professionals, and pharmacy procurement leads in Scotland to register with the SPS website and use its Medicine Supply Tool in order to stay up to date concerning medicines supply disruptions.
8. Please be aware that while medicines supply issues will appear on the SPS website, some of the recommended actions may not always be appropriate / relevant within the Scottish context.

Enquiries

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