

Alimemazine and dicycloverine prescribing

NHS Great Yarmouth and Waveney CCG has decided to stop prescribing alimemazine and dicycloverine from 3rd August 2017.

Alimemazine is a sedating antihistamine and a recent local review of sedating antihistamines concluded that chlorphenamine (Piriton®) which can be purchased from pharmacies, is equally effective as alimemazine.

Chlorphenamine is now the Great Yarmouth and Waveney CCG drug of choice when a sedating antihistamine is required. This decision has been agreed in consultation with local dermatologists and paediatricians, taking into account the latest evidence available.

Patients who are currently being prescribed alimemazine will be written to by their GP.

Dicycloverine is an antispasmodic treatment for patients. Evidence shows that the greatest benefit to symptoms is from a similar medicine called hyoscine butylbromide.

Hyoscine butylbromide is now the CCG's drug of choice when an antispasmodic is required. This decision has been agreed in consultation with local gastroenterologists, taking into account the latest evidence available.

Patients who are currently being prescribed dicycloverine will be written to by their GP.