

AREA PRESCRIBING COMMITTEE – Birmingham, Sandwell, Solihull and environs

Decision Making Support Tool

The following document supports the committee to consider formulary applications against defined criteria.

Formulary application reference:		APCBSSE/0046
Drug name and formulations:		Triptorelin s.c injection (Decapeptyl® SR)
Criteria	Example	Committee Consensus
Patient Safety	<i>Potential for abuse, toxicity, significant drug interactions</i>	Equivalent to other LHRH agonists, however the members noted that there was no needle safety device for this product.
Clinical effectiveness	<i>Established licensed product</i>	As effective as other agents in this class.
Strength of evidence		There is limited comparative data of the different LHRH agonists, but there is evidence that LHRH agonists are similar in effectiveness to surgical castration in terms of survival, testosterone suppression, symptom control and prostate volume reduction.
Cost effectiveness or resource impact	£	10% less expensive than its direct comparator. It is the only 6 monthly preparation which leads to reduced costs of administration.
Place of therapy relative to available treatments	<i>1/2nd tier</i>	Equal to other agents in class.
National guidance and priorities	<i>NICE, MTRAC</i>	NICE guidance on prostate cancer, MTRAC has produced a commissioning support review.
Local health priorities	<i>CCG views</i>	CCGs would support application
Equity of access	<i>Equality assessment</i>	Provision for prostate is similar to provision for endometriosis.
Stakeholder views	<i>Define wider groups to be engaged</i>	N/A
Implementation requirements	<i>Requires, RICAD ESCA etc.</i>	None

Decision Summary

Resubmission is recommended to complete the information to enable a decision:	
Not approved and rationale:	
Formulary status (RAG) and rationale	AMBER: specialist initiation or recommendation.

	<p><u>Rationale:</u> RAG rating in line with other agents in this class, offers a cost-effective alternative to current formulary options and a longer administration interval.</p>
<p>Implementation requirements:</p>	
<p>Implementation monitoring:</p>	