



Medicine Supply Notification

MSN/2020/011

Fluoxetine 10mg tablets

Tier 2 – medium impact*

Date of issue: 12/03/2020

Summary

- Fluoxetine 10mg tablets are out of stock until late 2020.
- Fluoxetine 10mg capsules and fluoxetine 20mg/5ml oral solution remain available.
- A serious shortage protocol (SSP) has been issued on 12/3/2020. See supporting information below for further details.

Actions Required

- For patients with insufficient supplies, clinicians should consider prescribing an alternative formulation of fluoxetine.
- Community pharmacists may supply fluoxetine 10mg capsules against the SSP for eligible patients.

Supporting Information

- Please see the link below for further information on the fluoxetine 10mg tablet SSP:
<https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pharmacies-gp-practices-and-appliance-contractors/serious-shortage-protocols-ssps>
- Please note that the oral solution has the same bioavailability as the tablets/capsules - so can be used to make up the equivalent dose if required e.g.
 - 10mg = 2.5ml
 - 30mg = 7.5ml
 - 40mg = 10ml
- Patient reassurance may be needed due to differences in packaging of each formulation.

Enquiries

If you have any queries, please contact DHSCmedicinesupplyteam@dhsc.gov.uk