

## Summary Guidance for Primary Care – Issuing Prescriptions for Incontinence and Stoma Appliances

### General

- Patients requiring incontinence or stoma appliances can have these dispensed either by a dispensing appliance contractor (DAC), a pharmacy contractor or a dispensing doctor.
- It is imperative that patients are aware that they have a choice as to where their prescription can be dispensed.
- Prescriptions should only be issued at the request of the patient/patient's carer.
- Requests for prescriptions should only be accepted from a continence specialist nurse/stoma specialist nurse, hospital ward staff or district nurse if a prior agreement has been made with the GP.
- No appliances should be supplied to a patient without a signed prescription.
- Retrospective prescriptions will **not** be issued by the prescriber.
- No emergency supplies should be made without prior agreement with the prescriber.
- The continence formulary can be accessed [here](#) & should be considered in conjunction with the full guidance [document](#)

[Guidance](#) has been produced to support provision of incontinence & stoma appliances by CCG member practices

The aim of the guidance is; to ensure that patients obtain repeat supplies of clinically necessary incontinence &/or stoma products in a timely manner. Whilst also reducing inappropriate or duplicate requests for supply & therefore reducing avoidable waste.