

## How to add a drug to the formulary

Additions to the formulary are managed according to the category of drug in use i.e. hospital items (red) or items which can be prescribed in the community (amber or green items).

The table below summarizes the pathway for addition of medications to Dorset Formulary.

Formulary Category	Approval pathway		Clinician Attendance
Red item (hospital only) - included in PbR tariff	Drug & Therapeutics Group or equivalent: To give Trust specific approval and add to formulary, then send application info to DMAG & FWG for information.		Clinician to present at DTG
Red item (hospital only) - excluded from PbR tariff e.g as per NICE TA &/or requiring System sign-off	Specialist Working Group OR If no specialist working group, the application should go to formulary working group.	DMAG for approval, consideration and addition to formulary.	Any need for clinician to present will be identified.
Green items OR Amber items (+/- shared care guidelines)	Specialist Working Group OR Send to pharmacy representative at each Trust for liaison with the formulary working group to decide	DMAG for approval, ratification and addition to formulary.	Any need for clinician to present will be identified.

	<p>best route of approval.</p> <p><b>University Hospitals Dorset NHS Trust</b>  <a href="mailto:tracy.lyons@uhd.nhs.uk">tracy.lyons@uhd.nhs.uk</a> or  <a href="mailto:laura.granger@uhd.nhs.uk">laura.granger@uhd.nhs.uk</a></p> <p><b>Dorset County Hospital NHS Trust</b>  <a href="mailto:Pharmacy.Formulary@dchft.nhs.uk">Pharmacy.Formulary@dchft.nhs.uk</a></p> <p><b>Dorset HealthCare</b>  <a href="mailto:r.bradshaw@nhs.net">r.bradshaw@nhs.net</a></p>		
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- Applications to both the DTGs and working groups can be made by Consultants and GPs using the [formulary application form, found on the front page of the pan-Dorset formulary](#).
- Applications and supporting references submitted to the panel groups listed above must be submitted 3 weeks before the relevant meeting. Please note this time may be longer depending on staff availability so please ensure you contact your formulary representative as soon as an application need is identified.
- For meeting dates, please liaise with your formulary representative at your organisation.

<b>Working Groups in Dorset</b>	
Antimicrobial	Medicine Optimisation Group Information Technology
Cardiology	Neurology
Dermatology	Osteoporosis
Diabetes & Endocrinology	Palliative Care
Formulary	Polypharmacy
Gastroenterology	Respiratory
Joint Wound Formulary	Rheumatology
Medicine Safety	Please note: Task/ Finish groups for specialities may be established when there is a clinical need
Mental Health	
For a contact for a working group please contact <a href="mailto:medicine.question@dorsetccg.nhs.uk">medicine.question@dorsetccg.nhs.uk</a>	