WANDSWORTH CCG: ADDERALL POSITION STATEMENT

Adderall is a prescription-only medication containing amphetamine and dexamfetamine. It is used in the treatment of ADHD in the USA but is unavailable and unlicensed in the UK.

As a central nervous system stimulant, there is a potential for abuse of this drug, particularly amongst young adults. It has “street” value ie. it can be sold on the black market to enhance academic or job performance.

As an unlicensed medication, any prescriber that issues a prescription for Adderall will take on full clinical responsibility and will be held accountable for its use and / or abuse.

Wandsworth CCG (WCCG) do not recommend the prescribing of Adderall, on the NHS, in primary care.

Patients who present to a GP in WCCG who are either already taking Adderall or who request to be prescribed Adderall will be offered a referral to an NHS Specialist ADHD service. At this point, the GP will explain that Adderall will not be issued on an NHS prescription in WCCG, therefore the purpose of the referral is for a specialist to provide a suitable alternative medication that is licensed in the UK.

It will be explained to the patient that where the NHS Specialist ADHD service cannot recommend an alternative medication, Adderall will still not be prescribed by the GP. It will be the responsibility of the patient to ask the NHS specialist to issue a private prescription for Adderall and undertake any on-going monitoring required.

If the NHS specialist cannot provide this, then the patient will need to seek a registered private specialist in ADHD who can perform the relevant clinical assessments, issue private prescriptions and undertake any on-going monitoring required.

Once this has been explained to the patient, if they no longer wish to be referred to an NHS ADHD service then they will need to seek private care as stated above.

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