

Position statement on the prescribing of head lice and scabies treatments

Following the local Spending NHS Money Wisely public consultation, the Governing Bodies of the BHR CCGs met in common on 29th June 2017 to agree changes to prescribing across Barking and Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge.

**From 10th July 2017
Barking and Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge Clinical Commissioning
Groups (BHR CCGs) no longer supports the prescribing of head lice and scabies
treatments**

Decision

- The decision to stop the prescribing of head lice and scabies treatments applies to ALL patients across Barking and Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge. BHR CCGs have agreed NO exceptions to this recommendation

This decision was made because:

- BHR CCGs believe treatments for head lice and scabies should be bought from a pharmacy, who can advise how to use them
- BHR CCGs believe that scabies outbreaks within a care home should be treated by the home through their homely remedies policies'
- BHR CCGs have a duty to spend taxpayer's money wisely, to make sure they get the best value possible – especially when NHS funding is being severely squeezed and more patients are being seen with more complex health issues than ever before