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Supporting paper for Guideline Group / JAPC meeting on December 2017

Document title: Gluten Free Foods Prescribing Policy

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Are there any Equality and Diversity implications? Y/N

(Protected Characteristic: Age, Disability, Gender Re-assignment, Marriage and Civil Partnership, Pregnancy and Maternity, Race, Religion and Belief, Sex, Sexual Orientation)

Yes, is the effect significant? Y/N

(If Yes, CCG's will need to consider plans to mitigate negative impact - if no action is taken to explain why it's not possible).

Equality Impact Assessment already discussed at previous JAPC meeting

Conflicts of interest declaration

Guideline Group / JAPC members do not need to declare providing that the Annual Conflict of Interest Declaration form has been completed. It will be the responsibility of the JAPC member to inform the secretary within 28 days to notification of status change.

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Do you have a conflict of interest to declare? This includes:

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- Indirect interests

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Yes ☐ No ☐

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Consultees

(For CET to complete) Are any clinical/shared care guidelines relevant to be sent to the shared care pathology group? Y/N

Name or group	Designation
Public Consultation	
JAPC	
Derbyshire County Governing Bodies x 4	

Purpose

To agree the format/wording of the GF foods prescribing policy and traffic light classification for GF substitute foods

Background

GF prescribing has been discussed previously at JAPC and their recommendation, results of public consultation, etc. were discussed at all 4 Derbyshire Governing Bodies in November/December. All four Governing Bodies agreed that GF foods should not be prescribed in Derbyshire noting GP professional obligations to meet clinical care needs for individual patients.

Summary

Attached is a draft Derbyshire position statement for consideration. The implementation will be supported in various ways (e.g. Information sent to patients, media statements, support from PALS, advice from dieticians for patients struggling to maintain a GF diet, FAQs sheet, etc.).

Financial implications

Stopping prescribing of gluten free products is expected to save over £700,000 per annum across Derbyshire.

Recommendation

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JAPC is asked to agree the wording of the position statement, particularly with regard to clinical exceptionality, and amend the traffic light status of GF foods to black as agreed by the Governing Bodies.

Decision of JAPC (JAPC decision based on the balance of: clinical effectiveness, cost effectiveness, patient factors & safety)
