



Medicine Supply Notification

MSN/2021/007

Fluoxetine 40mg capsules

Tier 2 – medium impact*

Date of issue: 8/2/2021

Summary

- Advanz, sole supplier, are out of stock of fluoxetine 40mg capsules until the end of March 2021.
- Fluoxetine 20mg capsules remain available and can support an uplift in demand.
- A Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) was issued on 29/01/2021.

Actions Required

- For patients with insufficient supplies, community pharmacists may supply fluoxetine 20mg capsules in accordance with the SSP for eligible patients.
- If the above option is not deemed appropriate, clinicians should consider prescribing an alternative formulation of fluoxetine.

Supporting Information

- Please see the link below for further information on the fluoxetine 40mg capsule SSP:
<https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pharmacies-gp-practices-and-appliance-contractors/serious-shortage-protocols-ssps>
- Patient reassurance may be needed due to differences in packaging of each formulation.

Enquiries

If you have any queries, please contact DHSCmedicinesupplyteam@dhsc.gov.uk

*Classification of Tiers can be found at the following link: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/a-guide-to-managing-medicines-supply-and-shortages/>