

NATIONAL ADHD MEDICATION SHORTAGE

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We are still experiencing some disruptions in the supply of ADHD medications nationally.

Given the range of the medications affected by the disruption, it would not be possible to attempt to re-titrate patients on the few remaining alternatives, and the supply of these medicines are also likely to be affected as a direct consequence.

Patients should be reassured that stopping and restarting stimulant medications abruptly is medically safe to do, but ADHD symptoms will return.

If you are in shared care with your GP and Psychiatry-UK, please approach your GP in the first instance. Your GP can then inform us if they require us to support the shared care agreement.

If you are receiving prescriptions from PUK, please approach your prescriber directly.
The current national supply information is as follows:

**** Please note that the anticipated re-supply dates listed are approximate and subject to change. We will update this information regularly. ****

Lisdexamfetamine (Elvanse/Elvanse Adult)*	20mg, 30mg, 50mg, 70mg – good stock available. Limited stock available for all other strengths.
Affenid XL Concerta XL Delmosart MR Xaggitin XL Xenidate XL Equasym XL	Stock levels are critically low. Please use the supply you have sparingly taking medication only on days when this is necessary and taking breaks as much as you can to make it last as long as possible before acquiring a new prescription.
Medikinet XL Meflynate XL	Stocks remain limited but stable currently.
Guanfacine MR (Intuniv) (not licensed in adults)	Supplies are stable.
Atomoxetine	All strengths are critically low due to medication recall. There has been an abrupt shortage due to some batches of atomoxetine being recalled by the MHRA. We would like to avoid disruptions to titrations, but this will depend on existing stock level. New titrations will not be started at this time

	until the stock stabilises. Medicines recalls are outside the control of manufacturers or pharmacies, and we will be working to ensure the situation can be normalised as soon as possible. This is expected to be a short-term problem.
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***Lisdexamfetamine**

Supplies of lisdexamfetamine continue to improve, and we are therefore starting new titrations with these medications, in accordance with patients' places on the titration waiting list. If you are waiting to start titration with lisdexamfetamine, we will contact you as soon as you reach the top of the waiting list. Thank you for your patience and understanding.