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Dear Community Pharmacist,

### **Prednisolone soluble tablets – quick summary**

The West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group (WSCCG) promotes the prescribing of plain prednisolone tablets rather than soluble prednisolone tablets. Prescribing of the soluble form of prednisolone tablets will be reserved for those patients for whom it is clinically justified (e.g. those with fine-bore enteral feeding tubes).

Please find enclosed a copy of the Quick Summary document that explains why plain tablets are recommended. This is being circulated to all GPs in West Suffolk, along with a letter to parents which GPs may choose to use when prescribing prednisolone for children.

It is not necessary to question the prescribing of non-soluble prednisolone tablets for children. However, we anticipate the need for community pharmacists to provide additional counselling at the time of supply, to clarify that the plain tablets can be dissolved in water.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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