

Agreed quantities of medicines to be supplied to patients from Secondary Care

Types of Medicines	In-patient	Day case	Out-patient
Long term from HUTH	28 days (unless confirmed patient has minimum of 2 weeks own supply OR if further review required within 28 days)	Not supplied unless initiated by HUTH- then 28 days or until further review	28 days supplied if urgent* (except if review required within 28 days) See below for Red/Amber drugs
Long term from HTFT and CHCP	7 days from Mental Health 14 days from Community Wards	N/A	7 days supplied if urgent* See below for Red/Amber drugs
Short term e.g. analgesia, laxatives, antibiotics, dressings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full course of antibiotics, corticosteroids (unless long-term prophylaxis, or further review required) • Analgesia, laxatives, dressings – typically 1-2 weeks, up to maximum of 28 days, dependent on clinical need (7 – 14 day maximum for HTFT discharges) • Short term thromboprophylaxis (up to 6 weeks) – full course 		
Nutritional Supplements	7-10 days for sip feeds, supplied from wards e.g. fortisips 10-14 days for specialist cohort of patients e.g. oncology/enteral feeds (i.e. Nutrison) to allow homecare service to be set up		
Red drugs	On-going supply prescribed by specialist – quantities will vary dependent on patient review		
Amber drugs	Up to 28 days on discharge for HUTH, 7-14 days for HTFT. Further supplies via out-patient clinic dependent on shared care framework		As per shared care framework
Medicines supplied in Multi Compartment Compliance Aids (MCAs) – also known as MDS, NOMADs	<p>HUTH do not supply medicines in MCAs. Where a patient's medicines are usually supplied in MCAs, staff will consider individual circumstances and supply appropriate quantity of medicines in standard packaging or liaise with GP and/or community pharmacy for supply in an MCA.</p> <p>HTFT do supply MCAs for patient using prior to admission or initiate following assessment of compliance aid needs (i.e. MCAs is an essential enabler for self administration at home)</p>		

* Where treatment is required following an out-patient clinic appointment and it is not necessary to start treatment within the next 7 days, a clinic letter will be sent to the GP.