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Subject: Lipid and formulary

- Q1 Which person or which group of people are responsible for making decisions on the formulary position of lipid/cholesterol lowering drugs?
- Q2 When was the prescribing formulary for your organisation last reviewed?
- Q3 How often is the formulary reviewed?
- Q4 Approximately how long after NICE approval are new medicines added to the formulary document (in days/weeks)?
- A1-4 The Trust's drug formulary was last reviewed last year and is approved by the Drug and Therapeutics Committee. New drugs, which will be used outside of the Trust as well as inside, are first discussed at the area Prescribing Committee, which meets monthly, then come to Drug and Therapeutics. Process usually takes three months. The formulary is reviewed every three years unless there is reason to do otherwise.