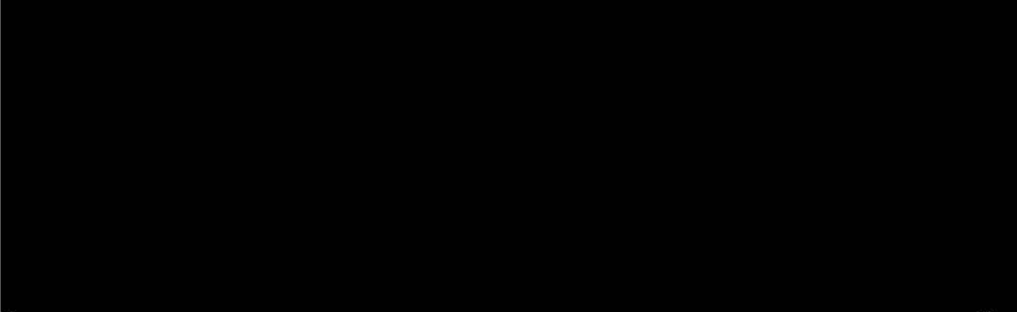


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02/02/2026	Verbal update: Co-codamol 30mg/500mg tablets	Tier 2	[REDACTED]	<p>Following on from the last MSRG session, we continue to work with suppliers to expedite. We have requested stock updates from all suppliers and for all formulations and will continue to do so fortnightly until early June when the situation will be resolved. We have added these to the export ban list.</p> <p>MSRG Member: [REDACTED] We are hearing a lot of noise from primary care and there is a lot of pressure generally, including political pressure. Is there anything further that we can do to manage this?</p>	
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			<p>Member [REDACTED] We are experiencing a similar situation in Northern Ireland. Pharmacies and GP surgeries are asking us how they can manage the supply situation? A dedicated public facing page would be helpful, to show alternatives and to share the work that is being done to manage the issue.</p> <p>MST: There are so many alternatives on the market and options available, and one product on its own cannot cover all of the demand. Patient based decisions are needed based on which products are available. There are a number of SKU's available, so it would not be practical to commission a public facing page. Additionally, if a page is not kept up to date, then we are opening up to a lot of correspondence. The team are reaching out to over 20 suppliers regarding pack sizes, POMs, etc and this would be a huge undertaking. If MSRG wish, we can do, but as a team we would need to consider how to do it effectively and be kept up to date.</p> <p>MSRG Chair: We could put something out that is public facing to advise that this issue is being monitored on a daily/weekly basis and make this generic as we cannot advise on every line.</p> <p>MSRG Member: [REDACTED] It would be a huge undertaking, and the main issue would be that a product is prescribed that cannot uplift. Keeping the SPS Tool updated helps, I think this is similar to the issues experienced with ADHD medicines, and there could be further problems created. I can see that GPs could prescribe 15/500 to mitigate despite being advised not to. It would be helpful to have a generic public facing statement.</p> <p>MSRG Member: [REDACTED] asked if it would be helpful to stand up a Taskforce as this issue has been in the media a few times?</p> <p>MSRG Chair: We will take this away for discussion.</p>	
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