



Berkshire West Area Prescribing Committee Policy Statement

Drug Name	New oral anticoagulants (NOACs)
Indication under review	Treatment of intravenous drug users
Policy No:	APC 018
Date of issue, date reissued:	September 2013, November 2015
Review Date:	November 2018
Policy Statement: Intravenous drug users presenting with venous thrombembolism (VTE) may be treated with a NOAC in place of a low molecular weight heparin (LMWH). Patients currently being treated with a LMWH may be switched if clinically appropriate.	
Traffic Light Status	Amber
Key Points considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Treatment will be under the supervision of a consultant haematologist.• There were safety concerns around the use of this treatment and the APC have asked for feedback to be performed in one year's time.	
References: N/A	
Date 1st taken to APC:	4 th September 2013
Date re-ratified by MOC on Behalf of the Board:	18 th November 2015