



Berkshire West Area Prescribing Committee

Policy Name	Silk garments		
Indication under review	Treatment of dermatological conditions		
Policy No:	APC 048		
Date of Issue/ Date of reissue	January 2014/ March 2017		
Review Date:	March 2020		
Policy Statement: Silk garments are not routinely recommended for patients with dermatological conditions due to insufficient evidence of efficacy.			
Traffic light status	Brown		
Key Points considered:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Evidence appears mainly limited to small uncontrolled studies of short duration. ▪ One study compared to a steroid cream and there was no statistically significant difference between the treatments. ▪ No published cost effectiveness data identified. ▪ This policy has been produced as a guide for GPs. Evidence and information was carefully considered and consulted upon by clinicians who concluded that this treatment is not a cost effective use of scarce NHS resources. There are situations where this policy may not apply to an individual patient due to their clinical exceptionality. This policy statement does not overrule an individual GPs clinical decision making and therefore each GP would be need to make the final decision on whether treatment is a cost-effective use of their CCG budget 			
References:			
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Berkshire West Area Prescribing Policies serve as a guide to clinicians. This does not overrule the clinical or budgetary responsibility of clinicians when considering treatment for individual patients.

Brown	Green	Amber	Red
These drugs have been reviewed and are not considered a cost effective use of scarce NHS resources	Medicines suitable for routine use. Primary care prescribers take full responsibility for prescribing	Medicines that should be initiated by a specialist and can be continued in primary care under a shared care agreement.	Medicines which should be prescribed by specialists only