



Berkshire West Area Prescribing Committee Policy Statement

Drug Name	Travel vaccines	
Indication under review	Immunisations not remunerated by the NHS as part of additional services.	
Policy No:	APC 140	
Date of Issue:	January 2017	
Review Date:	January 2020	
Policy Statement:	Vaccinations not allowed on the NHS for travel purposes should not be prescribed or supplied at NHS cost (can be prescribed privately)	
Traffic Light Status	Brown	
Key Points considered:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccinations not allowed on the NHS should not be prescribed or supplied on the NHS for travel purposes. Patients should be charged for these vaccinations and associated costs. The following vaccinations are not remunerated by the NHS as part of additional services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hepatitis B (single agent) Yellow fever Tick borne encephalitis Meningitis ACWY Japanese B encephalitis Rabies For travel vaccines not available on the NHS, a charge may be levied for the vaccine, the administration of the vaccine and private prescription writing. Patients requiring combined A&B hepatitis vaccine for travel purposes may have hepatitis A on the NHS but will need to obtain hepatitis B privately. Under the Health and Safety at Work Act, employers must pay for protective measures such as immunisation. In any occupation where there is a risk to health from any form of work related infection, it is the employer's duty to assess that risk and if present to protect their workforce. This policy does not apply to childhood primary immunisation schedules, national and vaccination as indicated under the advice of the Health Protection Agency. 	
Date taken to APC:	11 th January 2017	
Date Ratified by GPMOC on Behalf of the Board:	15 th February 2017	

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