

## **Leeds Palliative and End of life Anticipatory Medicines**

### **Briefing Note**

There has been some discussion over the last few weeks around the supply of anticipatory medications and the quantities supplied during the COVID 19 Pandemic, so for clarity:

#### **LTHT Hospital Discharge Medication**

On discharge from LTHT – patients will receive the following anticipatory medications according to usual criteria:

- 10 ampoules of Morphine Sulfate 10mg/ml Inj. (unless renal impairment then oxycodone will be supplied as per guidance)
- 10 ampoules of Hyoscine Butylbromide Inj.
- 5 ampoules of Midazolam 10mg/2ml Inj.
- 5 ampoules of Levomepromazine 25mg/ml Inj.

#### **Community Prescribing**

LCH, Primary Care, Specialist Palliative Care Community Teams, discharge from Hospice - patients will receive the following anticipatory medications according to usual criteria:

- 5 to 10 ampoules of Morphine Sulfate 10mg/ml Inj. or Diamorphine 5mg Inj. (unless renal impairment then oxycodone will be supplied as per guidance)
- 5 to 10 ampoules of Hyoscine Butylbromide Inj.
- 5 to 10 ampoules of Midazolam 10mg/2ml Inj.
- 5 ampoules of Levomepromazine 25mg/ml Inj.

Where a range is given, the decision about whether to supply 5 amps or 10 amps should be based on an individual's situation and should reflect the likely clinical need combined with the practicalities of obtaining further supplies.