

Position statement on the prescribing of malarial prophylaxis

Following the local Spending NHS Money Wisely public consultation, the Governing Bodies of the BHR CCGs met in common on 14th December 2017 to agree changes to prescribing across Barking and Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge.

**From 8th January 2018
Barking and Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge Clinical
Commissioning Groups (BHR CCGs) no longer supports the
prescribing of drugs used for malarial prophylaxis.**

Decision

- The decision to stop prescribing drugs used for malarial prophylaxis applies to ALL patients across Barking and Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge. BHR CCGs have agreed NO exceptions to this recommendation
- GP practices are still able to prescribe malarial prophylaxis to their patients privately, or where applicable advise them to purchase them over the counter at a pharmacy

This decision was made because:

- BHR CCGs have agreed to enforce the current NHS restriction for prescribing of drugs used for malarial prophylaxis
- BHR CCGs believes that travellers should include the cost of malarial prophylaxis in their holiday budgeting, just like they have to include the cost of flights, accommodation and insurance
- BHR CCGs have a duty to spend taxpayer's money wisely, to make sure they get the best value possible – especially when NHS funding is being severely squeezed and more patients are being seen with more complex health issues than ever before