

Position statement on prescribing for threadworm

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
prescribing for threadworm for patients over 2yrs of age.**

Decision

- The decision to stop prescribing for threadworm applies to ALL patients over 2 years of age across Barking and Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge

This decision was made because:

- BHR CCGs believe treatments for threadworm should be bought from a pharmacy, who can advise how to use them
- BHR CCGs will continue to prescribe for children under 2yrs of age as threadworm treatments are not available to buy for this patient group
- 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