

## Responding to NHS England consultation – bath/shower emollients and silk garments

It's great that you are responding to NHS England's consultation! There are a number of introductory questions to start off with before getting to the parts about wash products and silk garments, but they don't take long to complete.

- Go to the consultation website: <https://www.engage.england.nhs.uk/consultation/items-routinely-prescribed-update/>
- To read about the consultation before you respond to it, click on 'read the consultation document' or 'easy read version of the consultation document', which open in another window.
- On the consultation website, scroll down the page to the box where it says 'Give us your views' and click 'Online consultation'. OR, if you'd prefer to respond to the easy read survey, click [here](#) and complete the survey!

The following steps relate to completing the standard consultation form rather than the easy read survey.

- Complete the 'About you' questions. You have the option to 'Save and come back later' at the bottom – scroll down to see it. When you've finished, click 'continue'.
- Complete the 'Introduction' questions. When you've finished, click 'continue'.
- Complete the 'Equality and Health Inequalities' question and then the 'Equality and Health Inequalities – continued' question. This section is about whether you feel that stopping the prescription of wash products and silk garments will have a bigger impact on some groups of people than others, and whether you think there's anything else NHS England should take into account. Then click 'continue'.
- Complete the 'How will the guidance be updated and reviewed?' question. This question relates to what you think about the way NHS England decides which medicines and medical products it will look at, to make changes to how they're prescribed or to stop prescribing them. When you've finished, click 'continue'.
- The next question is a bit misleading. The title of the section is 'Proposals for updated CCG commissioning guidance' and the actual question is 'Do you want to provide views on the proposals for new CCG commissioning guidance?' The question **should** read 'Do you want to provide views on the proposals for **updated** CCG commissioning guidance?' This question refers to rubefacients only, not bath/shower preparations or silk garments, so click 'no' and 'continue'.

- You have reached the question ‘Do you want to provide views on the proposals for CCG commissioning guidance?’ This is where you select ‘Bath and shower preparations for dry and pruritic skin conditions’ OR ‘Silk garments’. You can only click on one of these. If you want to give your views on both, there’ll be an opportunity later on to click whichever one you didn’t select at this point. Once you’ve made your selection, click ‘continue’.
- Bath and shower preparations for dry and pruritic skin conditions: there are two statements in this section, plus a free-text form.
  - The first statement means: do you agree that new patients should no longer be prescribed bath and shower preparations?
  - The second statement means: do you agree that people who are currently prescribed bath and shower preparations should no longer be prescribed bath and shower preparations, and should use leave-on emollients instead?
  - In the free-text form you can write whatever you like. If you or your child have been helped by bath and shower preparations, it would be good to write about your experiences here. If you would find it difficult to manage your own or your child’s eczema without bath/shower preparations, let NHS England know here.
- Silk garments: there are two statements in this section, plus a free-text form.
  - The first statement means: do you agree that new patients should no longer be prescribed silk garments?
  - The second statement means: do you agree that people who are currently prescribed silk garments should no longer be prescribed silk garments?
  - In the free-text form, you can write whatever you like. If you or your child have been helped by silk garments, it would be good to write about your experiences here. If you would find it difficult to manage your own or your child’s eczema without silk garments, let NHS England know here.
- When you’ve finished the sections you would like to complete, click the option ‘I would not like to provide further feedback on any more of these medicines’, and then click ‘continue’.
- All you have to do now is click ‘submit response’! You also have the option to put your e-mail address in the box if you’d like to receive a PDF copy of your response.

**Thank you for making time to make your views known.**