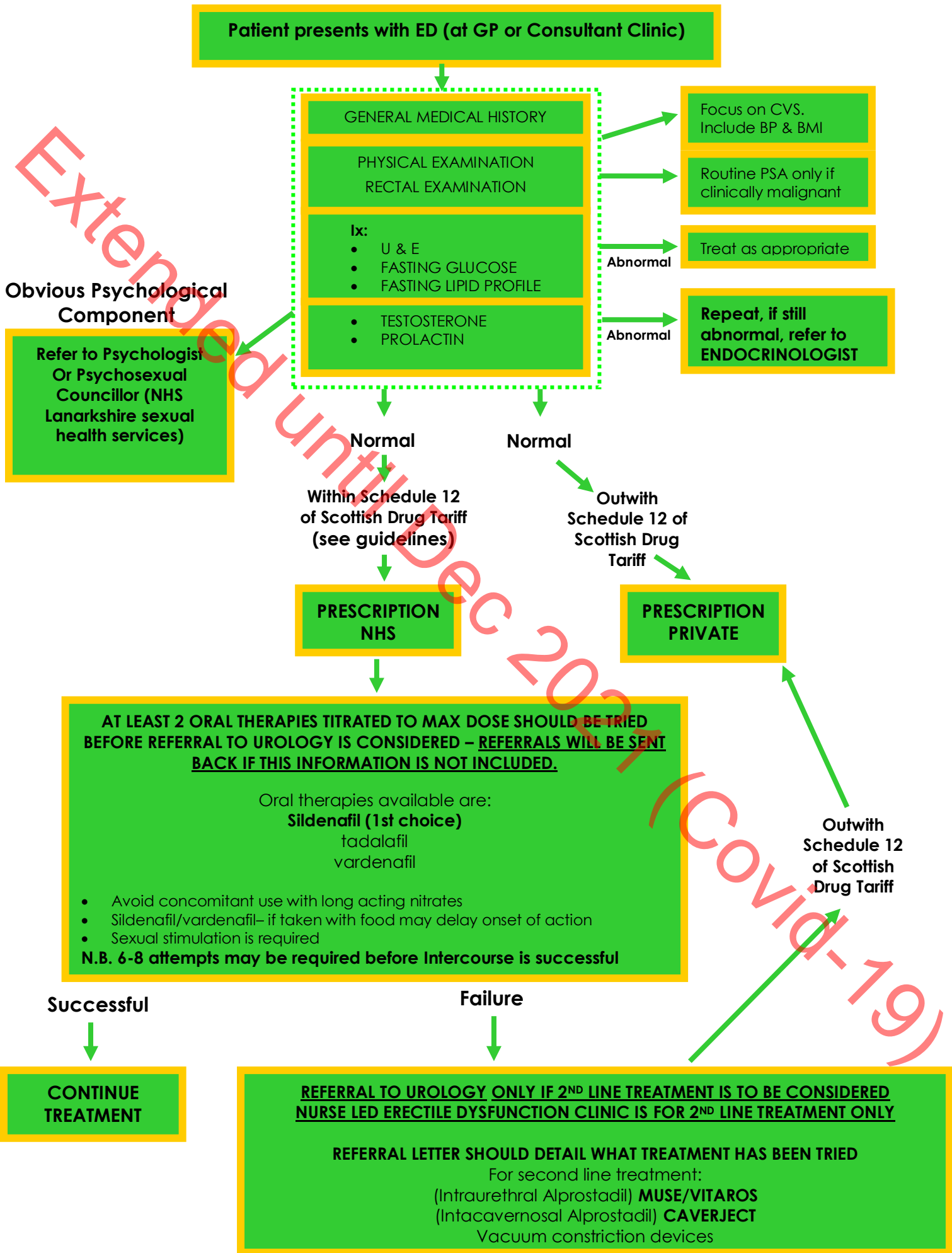


# GUIDELINES FOR MANAGEMENT OF PATIENTS WITH ERECTILE DYSFUNCTION IN NHS LANARKSHIRE



## SCHEDULE 12

### Prescribing Drugs for the Treatment of Erectile Dysfunction

#### Prescribing Regulations

Drug treatment of erectile dysfunction falls into Schedule 5, Part 3 of the National Health Service (General Medical Services Contracts) (Scotland) Regulations 2004, which outlines restrictions on prescribing by medical practitioners. These restrictions apply to drugs, medicines and other substances that may be prescribed on NHS prescriptions **only** in certain circumstances.

Part 12 of the Scottish Drug Tariff details the drugs and restrictions for the treatment of erectile dysfunction under these regulations.

#### Medication may only be prescribed on NHS prescriptions for the treatment of erectile dysfunction to men who: -

- were receiving NHS prescriptions for one of these drugs on 14<sup>th</sup> September 1998
- are suffering from any of the following -
  - diabetes
  - multiple sclerosis
  - Parkinson's disease
  - poliomyelitis
  - prostate cancer
  - severe pelvic injury
  - single gene neurological disease
  - spina bifida
  - spinal cord injury
- are receiving treatment for renal failure by dialysis
- have had the following surgery
  - prostatectomy
  - radical pelvic surgery
  - renal failure treated by transplant
- have been assessed by the relevant consultant (or GP) and/or advised by the relevant consultant (or GP) as suffering severe distress as a result of erectile dysfunction

Men who fall outside of these restrictions and are therefore not eligible for an NHS prescription may be issued with a private prescription by their GP. GPs are not entitled to charge for writing a private prescription for these drugs.

NHS prescriptions must be endorsed 'SLS' by the prescriber which verifies that the patient falls into one of the above categories.

Non-drug treatments for erectile dysfunction are unaffected by these regulations.