



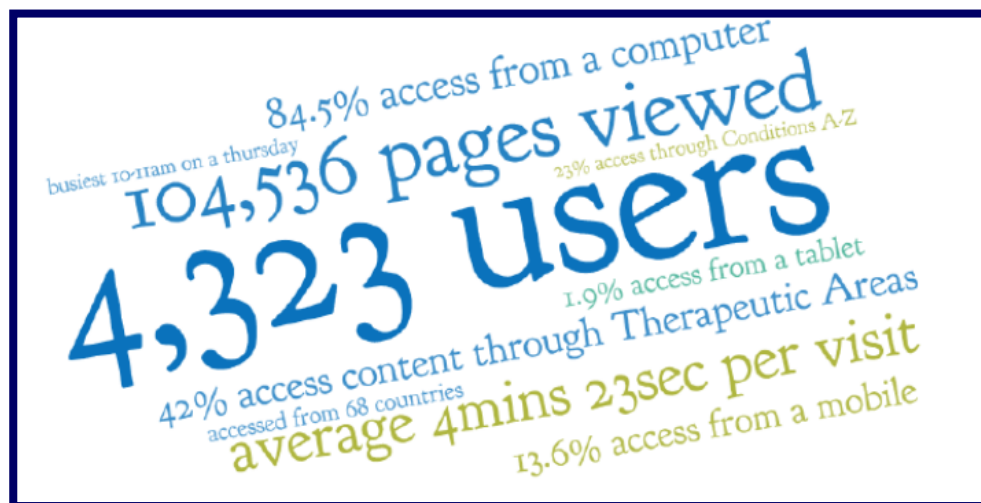
## Regional Formulary Project—Update

### New LJF website launched - what is next?

#### User Feedback on website

There was a soft launch of the new website on the 21st December. We sent out an initial communication to pharmacy teams across Lothian and asked them to explore the website and provide feedback of any problems encountered. There was a wider launch in January where we publicised FAQs, user guides and videos about the website. There was also a series of awareness sessions that staff could attend. The old LJF site content was turned off in the middle of February and users are now automatically redirected to the new website. Web address: [formulary.nhs.scot/east/](http://formulary.nhs.scot/east/)

Any feedback received is being logged and reviewed to identify if any corrections or amendments to the website are required. So far, questions received have been around how to access shared care agreements, navigation of the website or how to understand some of the functionality. We have received approximately 20 questions, given the number of users of the website—we are counting this as an overwhelming success.



#### What are the next stages?





The migration of the LJF was the first step in establishing a new regional formulary for the East of Scotland. The Regional Formulary Team are now working closely with the formulary teams in NHS Lothian, NHS Borders and NHS Fife, to scope and establish a regional formulary. Keep a look out for more news on this in the coming months. We are working on all of the following aspects just now;

- Comparisons of the three board formularies—looking at differences in advice and differences in medicine usage. This will be used to aid review of formulary sections.
- Developing a robust governance structure to support the development, review and maintenance of a regional formulary. This will need to be agreed by each Boards ADTC.
- Developing and agreeing operational issues such as ‘what is the common guidance on what a formulary is and isn’t’.
- Agreeing a workplan for review and development of formulary chapters.
- Considering how we ensure that the good local engagement and ownership of formularies that each board has currently is maintained.
- Maintaining a degree of business as usual work in the meantime.

Watch this space as these new developments are agreed and shared more widely, to see how you can become involved.

## How do I use the new website?

There are a few different ways to browse the formulary information from within the website. The Regional Formulary Team anticipated that the Conditions A-Z would be the most used route of accessing formulary information, but so far accessing information through Therapeutics Area has been the most used.

	<b>Medicines A-Z</b>	If you want to know if a specific medicine is on the formulary: ⇒ You would pick paracetamol for example, from the A-Z menu, the results will list which pathways paracetamol is included in. You can then click on the one relevant to your query.
	<b>Conditions A-Z</b>	If you want to know what to prescribe for a particular condition: ⇒ You would pick acne for example, from the A-Z, the results will then list the different pathways for the treatment of acne. You can then click on the one relevant to your query.
	<b>Therapeutic Areas</b>	If you want to browse by chapter: ⇒ You would pick skin for example, you then see all the conditions included. You can then pick a condition and then a pathway.
	<b>Medicine Categories</b>	If you want to browse by the BNF number structure: ⇒ You would pick section 3.1.4 for example and to see which medicines are included for that section of the BNF. The site then allows you to connect from these medicines to the conditions they are recommended to treat.

There are short user guide videos available on the website, to provide guidance on navigating the formulary and understanding some of the functionality.

Help and Support > For Healthcare professionals > User guides and videos

## Is there an App for use on mobile devices?

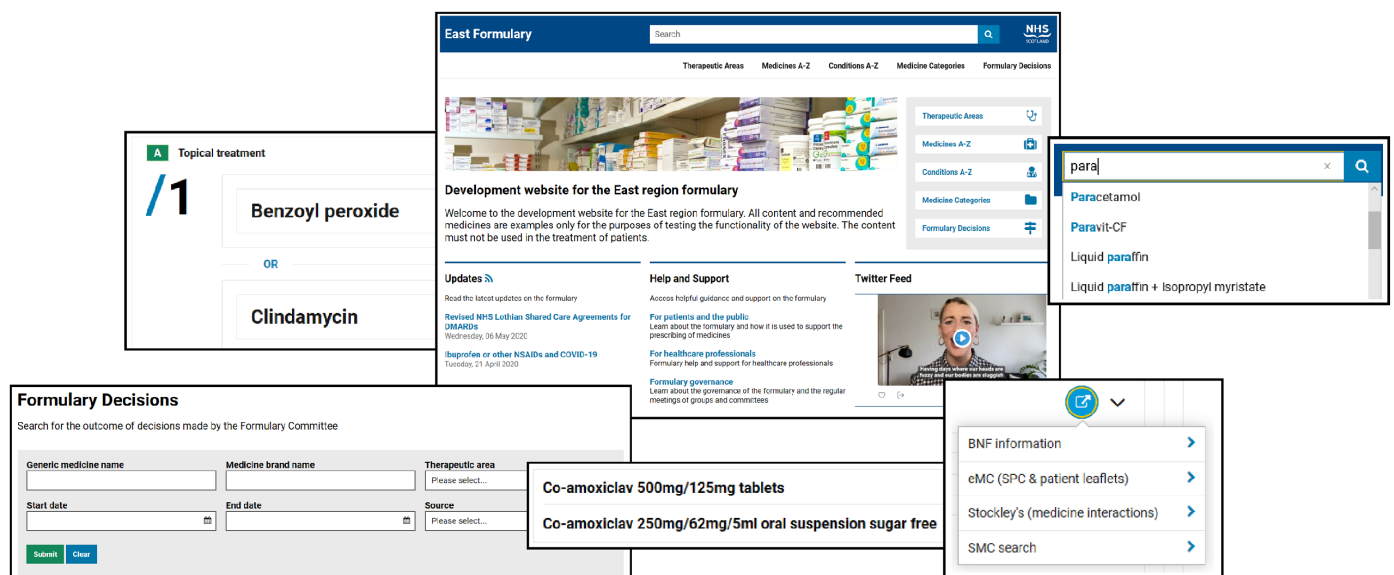
Yes, an app has been developed to complement the website. The current (old) LJF App is no longer supported. The new App will provide users with a fast and focused approach to finding formulary recommendations. The App is able to operate offline, so a loss of signal won't stop the user from checking the formulary. The final stage is to gain approval for the App to be downloaded on to NHS Lothian devices. We are hoping the App will be available shortly via Apple and Google stores.

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The screenshot displays the 'East Formulary' website interface. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation tabs for 'Therapeutic Areas', 'Medicines A-Z', 'Conditions A-Z', 'Medicine Categories', and 'Formulary Decisions'. The main content area features a large image of a pharmacy shelf and a welcome message. Below this, there are sections for 'Updates', 'Help and Support', and a 'Twitter Feed'. On the right side, a sidebar shows a search bar with 'para' entered, displaying results for 'Paracetamol', 'Paravit-CF', 'Liquid paraffin', and 'Liquid paraffin + Isopropyl myristate'. At the bottom left, there is a 'Formulary Decisions' section with a search form for generic medicine name, medicine brand name, therapeutic area, start date, end date, and source. Below the search form, there are two highlighted items: 'Co-amoxiclav 500mg/125mg tablets' and 'Co-amoxiclav 250mg/62mg/5ml oral suspension sugar free'. On the bottom right, there is a 'BNF Information' dropdown menu with options for 'eMC (SPC & patient leaflets)', 'Stockley's (medicine interactions)', and 'SMC search'.