

## ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE THERAPY (Actipatch®)

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**The Pan Mersey Area Prescribing Committee does not currently recommend the prescribing of electromagnetic pulse therapy (Actipatch®) for pain relief.**

Actipatch® is a drug-free medical device recently added to the Drug Tariff<sup>(1)</sup>.

- > It is promoted for chronic pain relief including back pain, knee pain, muscle & joint pain, arthritis, sciatica, fibromyalgia, strains and sprains.
- > It is a device applied to the skin at the affected area that provides 720 hours (30 days) continuous electromagnetic pulse therapy treatment, that may be extended to 2 – 3 months by intermittent use<sup>(2)</sup>.
- > This recommendation will be reviewed if a formal application for use is received and prioritised for in-year review.

[Drug options](#) for treating chronic pain are listed in the Pan Mersey formulary

### References

1. NHSBSA [Drug Tariff July 2018](#)
2. BioElectronics Corporation [Actipatch](#) accessed 16/07/2018

**Note:** Patients who are not eligible for treatment under this statement may be considered on an individual basis where their GP or consultant believes exceptional circumstances exist that warrant deviation from the rule of this policy. In this situation, follow locally defined processes.