

Medication Monitoring Responsibilities – Agreed for South Staffordshire only
Medication Monitoring in other parts of the Trust are subject to local arrangements

- 1) Any tests needed to eliminate physical health problems, particularly chronic conditions, prior to mental health diagnosis or treatment remains the responsibility of the GP
- 2) Any further tests required by the Mental Health Trust related to their treatment will be the responsibility of the Mental Health Trust to commission or deliver
- 3) Any ongoing tests required for patients under the care of the Mental Health Trust whose prescriptions are not on a shared care basis, will remain the responsibility of the Mental Health Trust
- 4) Appropriate management of investigations for physical health problems on inpatient mental health or learning disabilities units will remain the responsibility of the Mental Health Trust. Complex/chronic physical health problems of mental health inpatients will be managed in conjunction with appropriate specialists from the local acute hospitals, with the GP being kept formally informed of appropriate referral to specialists.
- 5) The Mental Health Trust will continue to prescribe for patients who are regularly attending outpatients if the doses of their drugs are being altered frequently. If a patient's drug regime is stabilised, monitoring and prescribing will be the responsibility of the GP when agreed with the GP, and when appropriate, a Shared Care Agreement is available.

