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National ADHD Medication Shortages 2023 Information: Easy-Read for families / carers

ADHD medication

Your child might be taking medication to help you think and to do daily tasks.

What's the problem?

There has been a problem getting enough of this medication into pharmacies. You might find it hard to get enough tablets for your child

Why is this happening?

More people need the medication, and the people that make them have changed.

How long will this problem last?

The shortage is currently expected to last until **April 2024**, however there is no definite date for when new supplies will become available, and we continue to monitor the situation carefully.

This is a national supply problem and all UK ADHD services (children's, children's and young people's mental health, adults), and pharmacies within the community and hospitals are affected.

The supply disruption of these products is caused by a combination of manufacturing issues and an increased global demand.

Your local pharmacy, GP practice, and ADHD services know how important your medication is to you. We are working hard to try to find supplies of these medicines and to minimise the impact on patients and carers.

What should I do?

- Speak to your parent / carer and check how much medication you have left.
- Your parent / carer will need to order your medication 2 weeks before they run out.

- If you have problems getting the medication, your parent / carer can speak to other pharmacies in your area or contact Community Paediatrics booking team for an appointment.

Please email us on epunft.lighthouse.prescriptions@nhs.net or call: **0344 257 3951**

Local support



<https://eput.nhs.uk/the-lighthouse-resources-for-parents-and-carers/>

Printable Resources

<https://eput.nhs.uk/our-services/neurodevelopmental-service/>



ADHD medication supply disruption: for the latest updates and information on the national supply shortage of medication prescribed to help manage ADHD symptoms, [visit the Mid and South Essex Integrated Care System website](#)