

Ostomy deodorants – information for patients

The financial challenges facing the NHS and the importance of ensuring a fair use of resources for all patients has led to the decision to phase out the prescribing of stoma deodorants.

A number of factors were considered in coming to this decision. They included:

- These products are not clinically necessary
- Deodorants and air fresheners are widely available to buy
- The cost to the NHS of specialist deodorants; prices average £5 per bottle and range from £1 for 7.5ml to £9 for 125ml.

We hope this information is helpful in explaining the situation.

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) on freephone 0800 389 6819 or email pals@suffolkpct.nhs.uk.