



## Drug Alert

### **\*\*Serious Shortage Protocol – Fluoxetine 40mg Capsules\*\***

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On behalf of DHSC please find information below regarding a SSP on fluoxetine 40mg capsules:

We are writing to inform you that a Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) has been issued for fluoxetine 40mg capsules.

The SSP will enable community pharmacists in England, Wales and Northern Ireland presented with a prescription for fluoxetine 40mg capsules to supply patients with 2 x fluoxetine 20mg capsules.

This SSP is now published on the NHS Business Services Authority (BSA) website under a dedicated SSP [web page](#) along with supporting guidance. The SSP is currently due to expire on 20 July 2020. Should this change, the SSP will be updated accordingly and published on the web page.

If you have any questions regarding the SSPs please contact the NHS Prescription Service:

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