

# Regional Holding Centres for Category C Antidotes

## 1. Category C Antidotes

Use of these antidotes should always be discussed with NPIS and/or a Clinical Toxicologist who will be able to provide contact details to arrange the supply of these antidotes.

Antidote	Source
Glucarpidase (Vorazaxe) 1000 units / vial	<a href="#">Oxford Pharmacy Store (OPS)</a>
Uridine Triacetate (Vistogard) 10g / pack	<a href="#">Oxford Pharmacy Store (OPS)</a>
Botulinum antitoxin 25g in 250ml bottle	<a href="#">Botulinum Antitoxin Holding Centres</a>
Pralidoxime 1g / vial	<a href="#">Pralidoxime Holding Centres</a>
Prussian Blue (Berlin Blue) 500 mg (36 caps/pack)	Category C Holding Centres
Sodium Calcium Edetate 500mg/10mL (10 amps/pack)	Category C Holding Centres
Succimer (DMSA) 100 mg (15 caps/pack)	Category C Holding Centres
Unithiol (DMPS) 250mg/5mL (5amps/pack) or 100mg (20 caps/pack)	Category C Holding Centres

[Glucarpidase](#) and [Uridine Triacetate](#): use of these antidotes is commissioned and funded by NHSE.

- Uridine Triacetate and Glucarpidase are available 24/7 through [Oxford Pharmacy Store \(OPS\)](#), to order:
  - Email: [ops.orders@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:ops.orders@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk)
  - Online: [Order Form](#)
  - EDI Exchange ID: 11984
  - **OUT OF HOURS ORDERS (ONLY BETWEEN 5pm-10pm Mon – Fri, 9am-5pm Sat/Sun/BH):**
    - Call Warneford Hospital switchboard (01865 901000) & ask to speak to the Oxford Pharmacy Store (OPS) on-call team.
  - OPS aim to dispatch within 24 hours

[Botulinum Antitoxin](#) and [Pralidoxime](#) are available free of charge through separate holding centres overseen by the UK Health Security Agency (HSA).

The remaining four Category C drugs are held within the 8 holding sites in England [at some sites Unithiol may only be available in the injectable form]; there are separate arrangements in Scotland (see below).

## 1. The Holding Sites

The 8 holding centres for Category C antidotes in England are shown on the map overleaf. The map indicates the anticipated geography that each holding site covers, but these boundaries are indicative only and a degree of flexibility is envisaged depending on the circumstances of any request.

In Scotland, Category C antidotes are available via the Rarely Used Urgent Medicines (RUUM) arrangements; details of holding sites can be found on TOXBASE.

## 2. The Process

Clinicians who have a patient who requires treatment with a Category C antidote should contact NPIS or a Consultant Clinical Toxicologist. Hospitals making a request to a Category C holding site in England before discussing the case with NPIS or a consultant toxicologist will be asked to contact NPIS for approval of use of a Category C antidote.

The pharmacy at the requesting hospital will then make contact with the pharmacy at the Category C holding site to arrange transfer of stock. The holding site will arrange transportation and it is recommended that antidotes will be available at the patient bedside within 4 hours of the request.

### 3. Contact Details for Supply of Category C Antidotes from Category C Holding Centres in England

Site Location	In hours contact	Out of hours contact
Brighton	01273 696955 Extension 3118 or 3119	01273 696955 switchboard Ask for On Call Pharmacist
Cambridge	01223 217500 Pharmacy Procurement	01223 245151 switchboard Ask for Resident Pharmacist
Leeds	0113 2064215 9am – 7.30pm, 7 days a week	0113 2433144 switchboard Bleep On-Call Pharmacist
London	0207 18835046 Pharmacy procurement team	0207 1887188 switchboard Ask for Resident Pharmacist
Newcastle	0191 282 0395 Mon to Fri 8.30am-5pm Newcastle Specials Pharmacy Production Unit	0191 233 6161 switchboard Ask for Emergency Duty Pharmacist
Plymouth	01752 439976 (medicine information) or 01752 437457 (general office)	01752 430454 switchboard Ask for On Call Pharmacist
Salford	0161 206 5553 (pharmacy procurement) or 0161 206 1065 (pharmacy dispensary)	0161 789 7373 switchboard Ask for On Call Pharmacist
Birmingham	0121 5075263 City Hospital Pharmacy Department	0121 554 3801, switchboard Ask for On Call Pharmacist

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## Category C Antidote Holding Sites in England



	St Thomas' Hospital, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust, London
	The Royal Sussex County Hospital, University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust, Brighton
	Derriford Hospital, University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust, Plymouth
	Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Cambridge
	Birmingham City Hospital, Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust, Birmingham
	Salford Royal Hospital, Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust, Salford
	St James's University Hospital, The Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, Leeds
	The Royal Victoria Infirmary, The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Newcastle