

Information for Patients and Carers on the Prescribing of Elvanse[®] and Elvanse ADULT[®] Capsules.

The purpose of this leaflet is to explain a change in the prescribing of **Elvanse[®] and Elvanse ADULT[®] Capsules.**

What are generic and brand names?

- **Generic name** – this is the approved chemical name of a medicine (drug). Every medicine has an approved (generic) name.
- **Brand names** – many medicines also have one or more brand names. This is chosen by the company that makes it e.g., paracetamol is a generic name and brand names include Calpol[®] and Panadol[®].

Lisdexamfetamine is the generic name of the medicine in both Elvanse[®] capsules and Elvanse ADULT[®] capsules. Lisdexamfetamine is usually prescribed in Nottinghamshire as one of these two brands.

Due to a national supply problem with Elvanse[®] and Elvanse ADULT[®], we have taken the decision to prescribe generically and to allow community pharmacists to supply whichever they have available and hopefully prevent any delay in obtaining your medicine.

This means that you may notice a difference in the **name** and **appearance** of the medicine you receive from your local pharmacy. **Patients under the age of 18 years**, may receive Elvanse ADULT[®], but this is the same strength and works in the same way.

The side effects are also the same for both these brands, but if you have any concerns, please contact the person who prescribed the medication.

There should be no change in dose, how you take your medicine or any other aspect of your treatment unless your doctor has given you different information.