

Sertraline (Lustral[®])

(No. 68/03)

Pfizer Ltd

Summary of Recommendation

10 November, 2003

The Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC) has completed its assessment of the above product and advises NHS Boards and ADTCs on its use in NHS Scotland. The recommendation is summarised as follows:

Advice: following a full submission.

Not recommended for use within NHS Scotland.

Sertraline has demonstrated some benefit in treating post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in two of four 12-week double blind treatment studies, and in extension studies for up to 64 weeks. The product licence restricts its use to women only; a narrower indication than for the other drug currently licensed for treating PTSD, and against which no comparative trials has been conducted. The manufacturer submitted no evidence to demonstrate the cost-effectiveness of their drug.

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