

NHS NCL overview on 'specials' within overall Medicines Management:

NHS NCL recognise this is an area of spend and that efficiency savings need to be made. 'Specials' work is a key part, and initiative, of medicines management for QIPP. This work is being led at borough level by the medicines management teams and has two work streams. These are:

1. Work with acute trusts to reduce transfer to GPs for specials initiated or recommended by acute trust clinicians, and consider facilitating supply of specials initiated by GPs to acute trusts
2. Reduction in specials expenditure through audit and follow up with individual practices. Measure latest cost per 1000 patients. London target <£200/quarter

Both of these workstreams are already beginning to make savings.