Pathway for Cholinesterase Inhibitors and Memantine Prescription and Monitoring in Tayside

Patient referred to Psychiatry of Old Age (POA) with memory problems

Alzheimer's disease or related dementia diagnosed by GP or other secondary care specialist MAY want to refer to POA for treatment and MUST offer referral for post diagnostic support (PDS)

Information on medication including potential side-effects and POA service contact numbers given to patient/carer (and referral for PDS)

Alzheimer's disease or related dementia diagnosed

Assessment of suitability for AChI/Memantine by POA and further investigations if required organised by POA

Follow up and monitoring by POA at intervals dictated by patient needs (followed by letter to GP)

Any dose change or discontinuation of medication to be communicated to GP via Outpatient Communication form on Clinical Portal for action (followed by letter to GP) with advice to patients/carers of non-urgent nature of prescription

FOR 12 MONTHS



AFTER 12 MONTHS

Stable patients discharged to GP for ongoing care and review with OPEN link with POA

Ongoing monitoring by POA of patients whose clinical presentation warrants specialist intervention

Prescription
initiated by
primary care, as
requested by
POA via
Outpatient
Communication
form (Clinical
Portal)