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To: All Community Pharmacists

Melatonin 1mg/ml oral solution sugar free

Melatonin 1mg/ml oral solution **sugar-free**, was added to Part 1 of the Northern Ireland Drug Tariff in August 2019.

Since then, BSO have received an ongoing number of queries further to the MPS which was circulated at the time <http://www.hscbusiness.hscni.net/pdf/MPS%202566%20-%20Melatonin%20sol%20letter.pdf>

The purpose of this MPS is to provide the following clarification:

- Melatonin 1mg/ml oral solution **sugar-free** and Melatonin 1mg/ml oral solution are **not the same product**.
- The endorsement “unlicensed preparation to be dispensed” is only required when the prescription is written for Melatonin 1mg/ml oral solution **sugar-free** (the licensed product), but the GP wishes for the patient to receive a product other than the licensed product.
- If the prescription does not state “**sugar free**”, then the licensed product should not be dispensed, and there is no need for the endorsement “unlicensed preparation to be dispensed”

If you have any further queries, please contact the BSO payment team