## Prescribing for Psychosis in Primary Care First presentation

Avoid the initiation of antipsychotics prior to consultation with a psychiatrist wherever possible, due to the possibility of masking symptoms and making diagnosis difficult.

The choice of antipsychotic agent will follow the treatment guidelines agreed with secondary care.

Using the prioritisation based on the severity of presenting symptoms detailed in the protocol:

## **Urgent Priority**

If sedation is required, prescribe diazepam for a maximum of 7 days

Treatment ineffective

Refer to psychiatrist for further advice

## **High Priority**

If sedation is required, prescribe diazepam for a maximum of 7 days

## **Medium Priority**

Discuss with a psychiatrist before any prescribing. Do NOT prescribe an antipsychotic unless advised to by a psychiatrist

