

## Patient Information Leaflet

### Switching from quetiapine modified release tablets to Biquelle® XL tablets

The Health and Social Care Board (HSCB) is responsible for managing the drugs budget for all the doctors in the area. It is important that we make the best use of the money available to spend on medicines without reducing the quality of treatment patients receive.

### Why has my medicine changed?

Your medicine has not actually changed, only the brand name and packaging have altered.

### Why have I been prescribed a different brand?

When a new medicine is developed, one company manufactures the medicine with a patent license. When the patent expires, other companies are allowed to manufacture the same product under different names. These new medicines contain the same active ingredient, are manufactured to the same high standards and are a more cost effective option for the doctors to prescribe. There are currently lots of brands available. The HSCB has chosen Biquelle® XL as its cost-effective brand of choice.

### Will this new brand work in the same way?

Yes, Biquelle® XL tablets work in exactly the same way as other quetiapine modified release products. You will take the same dose and quantity that you currently take. Please use up remaining supplies of your current medicine before ordering your next repeat prescription.

### What will they look like?

To help you to identify your new tablets, pictures of the tablets and their packaging are shown.

The 50mg tablet is white and round with 50 written on it, and the other strengths are white and oblong with the strength written on them.

## Examples

