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Dear Colleague,

### **PCA (P) (2008) 17 – IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

#### **ADDITIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES: MINOR ALIMENT SERVICE & PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE DIRECTIONS, SERVICE SPECIFICATIONS & PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

The above circular has been trailed in the Pharmaceutical Journal and other places and has now been published.

If you have not yet received it, or if you need a further copy, it can be downloaded from

[www.communitypharmacyscotland.org](http://www.communitypharmacyscotland.org)

There is a lot of detail within this circular and it sets Health Boards and community pharmacy contractors some significant challenges. Within NHS Lanarkshire we will seek to work our way through these as speedily as possible and within the confines of good clinical governance arrangements. We will also work closely with NHS Lanarkshire Pharmacy Contractors Committee and the clinical and management leads for NHS Lanarkshire's

- Smoking Cessation Services
- Sexual Health Services - Chlamydia Testing & Treatment
- Sexual Health Services – Emergency Hormonal Contraception.

Thus there will be several communications about this circular in the weeks ahead.

The purpose of this letter is to highlight the context of the circular and the immediate actions required.

#### **Context**

The new Pharmaceutical Care Service Contracts for community pharmacies in NHS Scotland comprises:

- Minor Ailment Service
- Public Health Service
- Acute Medication Service
- Chronic Medication Service ( from April 2009)

This circular redefines the Public Health Service element of the contract. The precise details are listed in Paragraphs 1-3 of schedule 1 and there is therefore the expectation for all contractors to provide the defined

- Smoking Cessation Service
- Sexual Health Service – Chlamydia
- Sexual Health Service – Emergency Hormonal Contraception (opt out possible)

### **Immediate Actions**

The presumption is that all community pharmacy contractors will “opt in” to the services so there is no formal paperwork for opting in. But should contractors wish to opt out of the Sexual Health Service – Emergency Hormonal Contraception, they may do so. To do so contractors should complete **ANNEX F** and return a copy both to Moira Hanley at the stated address, and also to

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### **Smoking Cessation Service**

The specification for the smoking cessation service is detailed within the circular. Where community pharmacists can fulfill the requirements they can commence the service, using the CPUS prescribing forms from Fri Aug 29<sup>th</sup> 2008.

At this stage the data collection form to be used is the one available within the public health service contractors support pack on the

[www.communitypharmacyscotland.org](http://www.communitypharmacyscotland.org) website

NB This is an update from the one in the circular

We recognize that this is a draft form at this stage, and may change in the next few weeks. Future communications will tell you when this happens. Future communications will also detail the procedures to be used for sending completed forms to NHS Lanarkshire and provide information on additional local supports which we aim to put in place with the purpose of ensuring that all of the potential smoking cessation services within NHS Lanarkshire are aware of each other and can work in a coordinated and effective manner.

Until that information is available pharmacists are encouraged to use the support pack available on the above website and also to access the NHS Lanarkshire Joint Formulary advice for NRT which is available via the NHS Lanarkshire section of the

[www.communitypharmacy.scot.nhs.uk](http://www.communitypharmacy.scot.nhs.uk) website.

## **Sexual Health Services**

Both of the sexual health services require significant infrastructure to be put in place before they can be up and running. E.g. Both need the development and local approval of Patient Group Directions and the Chlamydia service requires procedures to be established for the distribution of test kits and communication of results. Efforts are on-going both nationally and within the individual Health Boards to expedite this and future communications will keep you up to date with progress.

Yours sincerely

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