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Dear community pharmacy colleagues,

Changes to prescribing to support the delivery of cost efficiencies/cost avoidance

NHS Grampian, and the wider NHS as a whole continue to face cost pressures related to the delivery of prescribed medication. The NHS Grampian Medicines Management Team, in collaboration with HSCP Managers and GP representatives have identified and approved key areas where prescribing efficiencies can be achieved. Appropriately trained HSCP Specialist Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technicians will be undertaking work to deliver cost effective prescribing across GP practices in NHS Grampian.

Action for Community Pharmacy

The NHS Grampian Medicines Management Team kindly request that community pharmacy are alert to these changes and where a message has been provided to a patient via their repeat slip that this is brought to their attention, alongside other appropriate counselling, when handing out medication. A short patient information leaflet is included below for use when considered appropriate.

Should you have any queries regarding this, please contact the NHS Grampian Medicines Management department on the details above.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,



Lesley Coyle
Associate Director of Pharmacy, NHS Grampian

Changes to your medication - Patient information leaflet

As you will be aware it is becoming increasingly important that the NHS prescribes medication as efficiently as possible while ensuring maintenance of high quality patient care and safety.

NHS Grampian have requested that your GP practice update prescribing of your medications to ensure prescribing is cost effective. In doing this NHS Grampian is utilising medication which represents the best value for money for the NHS.

Please see the right hand side of your repeat slip for further details.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this change then please speak to your GP practice pharmacotherapy team.

Further information relating to GP prescribing can be accessed via NHS Inform using the following web address: <https://www.nhsinform.scot/tests-and-treatments/medicines-and-medical-aids/medicines-information/>

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