

Smoking Cessation Bulletin

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Quit Your Way Pharmacy Service changes in respect of COVID-19

Dear Colleagues,

We understand that you are extremely busy currently. The QYW Pharmacy Service is an important core service and these updates may help lessen your workload.

CO Monitoring

CO monitoring will be suspended for the next three months until 18th June 2020 (this may be extended depending on circumstances).

On PCR please enter “unable to perform reading”

Supply of smoking cessation medicines to self isolating patients

It would be appropriate to conduct a telephone assessment of the client and ask them to arrange for their pharmacotherapy to be collected by a relative or friend.

In some instances it would be reasonable to supply 14 days of pharmacotherapy.

QYW Community Services

All group/drop in services have been suspended. Support will be conducted by telephone.

For any new clients a week 0 approach will be adopted with telephone based behavioural support provided and relevant paperwork completed over the phone and posted to clients to take to the pharmacy.

As the situation with COVID-19 changes we will issue further guidance to service changes but we will try to limit further changes.

If you require any further advice, please contact our team on 0141 201 4945 or e-mail pharmacyhit@ggc.scot.nhs.uk