**New Serial Prescribing Campaign**

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**Join the campaign**

As part of winter planning, NHS Fife has launched a new campaign to increase our numbers of serial prescriptions in Fife, to help manage demand for repeat prescriptions. We are asking all GPs, practice staff, community pharmacies and practice pharmacy teams to **work together** to sign up patients to the Medicines Care and Review (MCR) service for a serial prescription.

GPs can authorise and issue prescriptions which last for 24, 48 or 56 weeks where the patient is taking stable, repeat medication. Patients collect them every 2 months and prescriptions can be cancelled electronically at any time, if there are any medication changes.

 **We are aiming to achieve 20% of serial prescriptions by March 2021.**

 **Currently Fife is at 3.5% with some practices already achieving >10% and one with 37.5%**

**If every practice in Fife transferred an ave of 30 patients/ week to a serial prescription, we**

**could achieve the target!**

**Benefits to patients**

 Easier to order prescriptions without needing to contact practices

 No need to order prescriptions at the last minute

 Less chance of medicines being out of stock or running out of supplies

 Annual medication review with a pharmacist to improve patient care

**Benefits to GPs and practice staff**

 Reduced administration time in generating repeat prescriptions every 2 months

 Reduced time spent dealing with phone and email requests for prescriptions

 Reduced time in signing prescriptions

 More joined up working with community pharmacy as able to keep track of medication changes

**Benefits to community pharmacies**

 Being able to plan workload for dispensing repeat prescriptions

 Being able to order medicines in advance for patients, thus reducing the chance of medicines being out of stock

 Reviewing patients’ medication to improve patient care

 Better communication with GP practices and pharmacy teams

**Benefits to practice pharmacy teams**

 More joined up working with GP practice teams and community pharmacies

 Supporting practices with repeat prescribing

 Reviewing patients’ medication to improve patient care

**Next steps…**

 Sign up for NHS Fife’s new Serial Prescribing campaign as soon as possible. Send your form to: Fife.pharmacyservicesadminteam@nhs.scot

 Book a place on our **Serial Prescribing Microsoft Teams Workshop** on:

 **27 October (7pm - 8pm)** or **04 November 2020 (1pm - 2pm).**

 Speak to your local GP or pharmacy team to discuss how you’re going to work together