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Specification for Condom Distribution

1. Background/Introduction

- 1.1 When used consistently and correctly during sexual intercourse, condoms offer the best protection against Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs) as well as unintended pregnancy.
- 1.2 Condoms are the most easily available, non-prescribed form of contraception, but access is limited because they are expensive when obtained from commercial sources. This may be a particular issue for people within the lower income brackets and young people.
- 1.3 NHS Ayrshire & Arran has developed a C Card system to increase the availability and accessibility of free condoms.

2. Aim of Service

- 2.1 To provide distribution of free condoms using the location and convenience of community pharmacies within NHS Ayrshire & Arran.

3. Objectives of Service

- 3.1 To increase the availability and accessibility of free condoms.
- 3.2 To collect data to support evaluation of the service.

4. Service Outline

- 4.1 All pharmacy contractors in Ayrshire & Arran are eligible to participate in this scheme.
- 4.2 Pharmacy Teams will offer a user-friendly, non judgmental, client-centered and confidential service.
- 4.3 Condoms with lubricant will be procured and distributed to community pharmacists by NHS Ayrshire & Arran for this purpose.

- 4.4 On presentation of the appropriate C Card or App, indicating people have registered for the service at a series of sign up points or for the App, pharmacy support staff will make a supply of free condoms and associated information available. Preference would be that a maximum of two bags are supplied at any one time but in exception circumstances three bags may be supplied.
- 4.5 The data collection form is no longer required. Payments will be made automatically based on numbers ordered and numbers held at the start of the year.

5. Training

- 5.1 The service provider and staff should participate in any local training initiatives identified by NHS Ayrshire & Arran.

6. Breach of Contract

- 6.1 Where prima facie evidence of a breach of the terms of this scheme comes to the notice of NHS Ayrshire & Arran the matter will be referred in the first instance to the pharmacy contractor concerned for comment. If appropriate, the pharmacy contractor will be invited to submit proposals for the rectification of the breach. Failure to provide a satisfactory response, or to rectify the breach, will result in the matter being referred to the Chief Executive of the NHS Ayrshire & Arran for consideration by the NHS Board and determination of any further action or sanctions to be taken, including termination of the contract under this scheme and recovery of any payments made in respect of services which have not been provided