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LOCAL PHARMACY SPECIFICATIONS

**COMMUNITY PHARMACY PROVISION OF
CONTRACEPTION/SEXUAL HEALTH CLINIC**

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Community Pharmacy Provision of Contraception/Sexual Health Clinic

1. Background/Introduction

- 1.1** Community Pharmacies already provide sexual health services as part of the national Public Health Service such as Emergency Contraception and Bridging Contraception as well as local services which include the condom distribution service and chlamydia testing and treatment service.
- 1.2** Some pharmacies with an independent pharmacist prescriber provide an enhanced service for patients presenting in the community pharmacy for new and repeat combined oral contraception as well as other forms of contraception or a sexual health consultation who are not engaging with/struggling to access GP Practice or the Sexual Health team.

2. Objectives of Services

- 2.1** To provide patients with high quality pharmaceutical care and sexual health advice in the community pharmacy setting.
- 2.2** To provide a local contraceptive and sexual health service for patients who are not engaging with or accessing their GP Practice / Sexual Health Service.

3. Service Outline

- 3.1** The Service provider will provide an enhanced service for patients presenting in the community pharmacy for new and repeat combined oral contraception, other forms of contraception or a sexual health consultation who would normally be assessed by their GP or the Sexual Health team but are not engaging or accessing these services.
- 3.2** The service will cover the assessment of contraceptive and sexual health needs which are within the Service Provider's scope of practice and within the terms of their indemnity arrangements.

- Types of contraception
- BP monitoring
- BMI measurement
- Lifestyle advice
- Sexual health advice including access to other community pharmacy services which include emergency hormonal contraception, C-Card sign up, condom distribution and chlamydia/ gonorrhea testing and treatment

3.3 Suitable patients will be referred from the sexual health team, OOH Service or can self-refer to the pharmacy.

3.4 Patients must be registered with a GP practice located in Scotland.

4. Record Keeping

4.1 The pharmacist will maintain records on the community pharmacy PMR.

5. Clinical Governance

5.1 In order to participate in the provision of this service, pharmacists must:

- Have read and understood the Service Specification
- Be responsible for their continuing professional development (CPD) in the area of contraception and sexual health, including participation in any relevant training
- Have undertaken the local training in place for provision of the service and be deemed competent

5.2 Pharmacy contractors must:

- Complete the Sign Up process
- Have a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) in place
- Have signed the service specification before commencing
- Ensure that the service specification is available to be consulted by all pharmacists, including locums, who work in their pharmacy and provide the service.

5.3 Sexual Health will maintain an accurate list of service providers.

6. Training

6.1 A contractual requirement will be that community pharmacists successfully complete in a specified time, the Community Pharmacy Toolkit and relevant training packages referenced within the Toolkit.

- 6.2** Have undertaken the local training in place for provision of the service and be deemed competent.
- 6.3** The service provider and staff should participate in any local training initiatives identified by NHS Ayrshire & Arran.

7. Health and Care Staffing Act

- 7.1** The Health and Care (Staffing) (Scotland) Act 2019 (“the Act”) places requirements on the Health Board stating that: “In planning and securing the provision of health care from another person under an contract agreement must have regard to the guiding principles for health and care staffing, and the need for the person from whom the provision of health care is to be secured to have appropriate staffing arrangements in place”
- 7.2** The service provider will ensure that appropriate staffing arrangements are in place for the operation of this service.

8. Termination

- 8.1** The provision of this service can be terminated by either party by providing three month’s written notice.
- 8.2** Should a trained pharmacist be moved to another pharmacy location and wishes to continue to provide the service, an application form must be submitted to Sexual Health for approval. The service will be provided on geographical need and does not automatically move with the individual pharmacist.

9. Breach of Contract

- 9.1** Where prima facie evidence of a breach of the terms of this scheme comes to the notice of NHS Ayrshire and 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.

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