



PRIMARY CARE COMMUNITY PHARMACY

LOCAL PHARMACY SPECIFICATIONS

**COMMUNITY PHARMACY PROVISION OF
DIRECT OBSERVED TB THERAPY**

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Specification for Community Pharmacy Provision of Directly Observed TB Therapy

1. Background/Introduction

- 1.1 Around 15 patients are diagnosed with Mycobacterium Tuberculosis (MTB) in Ayrshire and Arran each year. The last 10 years mortality figures for those living with MTB is 40%.
- 1.2 Providing access to Direct Observed Therapy (DOT) is recommended by the NHS improvement strategy, Getting IT Right First Time (GIRFT) as a key improvement to achieving better patient outcomes.

2. Aim of Service

- 2.1 This service aims to improve the adherence to Tuberculosis treatment by providing DOT to those deemed suitable by the respiratory team.

3. Patient Pathway/Service Outline

- 3.1 Community Pharmacy would be alerted by respiratory team that a patient is requiring DOT.
- 3.2 Patient would initially be given 3 x weekly DOT prescription via GP practice following communication from secondary care.
- 3.3 Option to provide 6 x weekly DOT if patient is intolerant of side effects which incurs a higher service fee.
- 3.4 Prior to DOT commencing Community Pharmacy would ask for any TB medications from home to be returned for destruction to avoid any risk of double dosing.

- 3.5 Community Pharmacy would alert respiratory team via email aa.clinicalpharmacyrespiratory@aapct.scot.nhs.uk of any obvious significant visual weight loss (as this may affect dosing).
- 3.6 Community Pharmacy would be expected to phone the patient if they fail to turn up and follow guidance if one dose missed as per appendix 1.
- 3.7 Community Pharmacy would alert respiratory nurse via email if two doses missed as per appendix 1.

4. Training

- 4.1 Be aware of and operate within the service specifications and local practice guidelines.
- 4.2 Pharmacy contractors providing the scheme are free to develop their own standard operating procedures to deliver the scheme in their own pharmacy.

5. Health and Social Care Staffing Act

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 The service provider will ensure that appropriate staffing arrangements are in place for the operation of this service.

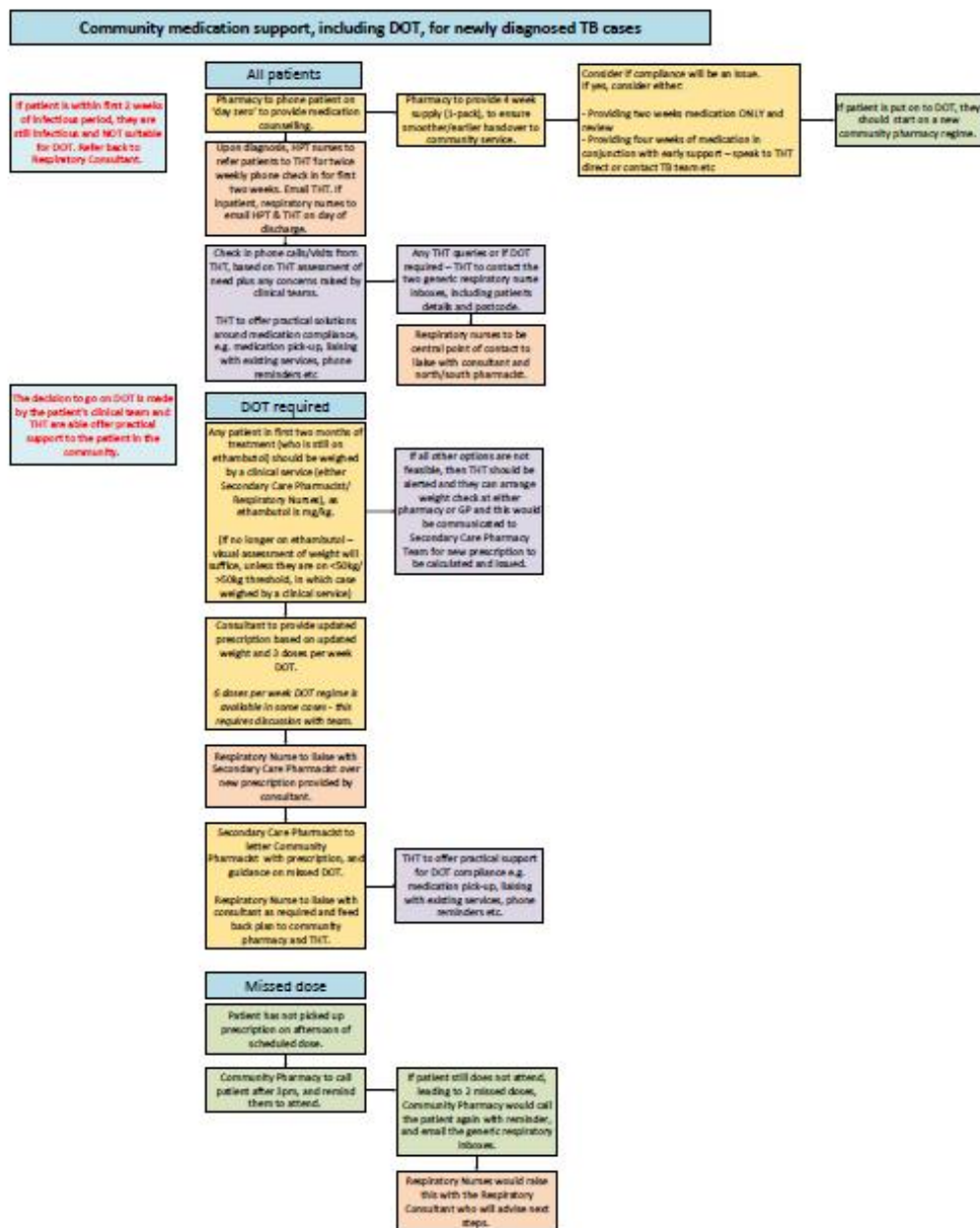
6. Termination

- 6.1 The provision of this service can be terminated by either party by providing three month's written notice.

7. Breach of Contract

- 7.1 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 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 NHS Ayrshire & Arran for consideration by the 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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