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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 and Arran.

3. Objectives of Service

- 3.1** To increase the availability and accessibility of free condoms.

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-centred and confidential service.
- 4.3** Condoms with lubricant will be procured and distributed to community pharmacists by NHS Ayrshire and Arran via Pasante Healthcare 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 available information. Preference would be that a maximum of two bags are supplied at any one time but in response to a reasonable request, additional bags may be supplied.
- 4.5** Payments to contractors will be made automatically based on numbers ordered and numbers held at the start of the year.

5. Training

- 5.1** Training can be delivered by power point presentation, this can be requested from the Community Pharmacy Team.
- 5.2** The service provider and staff should participate in any local training initiatives identified by NHS Ayrshire & Arran.

6. Health and Social Care Staffing Act

- 6.1** 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”
- 6.2** The service provider will ensure that appropriate staffing arrangements are in place for the operation of this service.

7. Termination

- 7.1** The provision of this service can be terminated by either party by providing THREE month’s written notice

8. Breach of Contract

- 8.1 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.

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