



NHS Lothian Pharmacy First Plus Service - Memorandum of Understanding

1. Background

The Scottish Government described the terms of a Pharmacist Independent Prescriber-led common clinical conditions service (NHS Pharmacy First Plus) in the circular [PCA\(P\)\(2020\)16](#)

In delivering this service the core use of the Independent Prescribing qualification in the community pharmacy setting is for the management of acute common clinical conditions in an extension to the NHS Pharmacy First Scotland service.

The Community Pharmacist Independent Prescriber (CPIP) will provide an enhanced service for patients presenting in the Community Pharmacy with a common clinical condition(s) which are beyond the scope of [the standard NHS Pharmacy First Scotland service](#) and within the prescribers' competence to prescribe and manage.

Full details of the Pharmacy First Plus service is outlined in [PCA\(P\)\(2020\)16](#) and the contractor and the CPIP should be familiar with the contents of this PCA.

It is expected that all CPIPs will work within the [RPS – competency framework](#) for all Prescribers and in accordance with the [East Region formulary](#) wherever possible. The CPIP will take into account current prescribing guidelines and evidence based practice and national/local prescribing protocols. This should include the NHS Lothian Independent and Supplementary Prescribing Framework. [Independent and Supplementary Prescribing Framework.pdf \(nhslothian.scot\)](#)

2. Partnership aims and objectives

As a Board NHS Lothian will:

- Check that training as specified in PCA(P)(2020)16 is completed and/or facilitate attendance, to ensure eligibility to provide service
- Provide a mechanism for order/re-order of Rx pads
- Facilitate quarterly peer review sessions available to all CPIPs and those in training
- Facilitate multi-professional peer review and learning
- Facilitate mentorship
- Provide regular prescribing reports with comment on good prescribing practice and feedback/discuss on prescribing out with normal practice

The CPIP who is delivering the Pharmacy First Service will:

- Provide the service as set out in the Pharmacy First Plus national circular
- Ensure that training, detailed within section 5 of PCA(P)(2020)16, is completed and/or highlight to the board any outstanding training
- Work within their own competence and apply the guidance issued by the GPhC to support Pharmacist Prescribers in practice [In practice: Guidance for pharmacist prescribers \(pharmacyregulation.org\)](https://www.pharmacyregulation.org/in-practice-guidance-for-pharmacist-prescribers)
- Adhere to the NHS Lothian/East Region formulary and guidelines
- Should take up peer review opportunities
- Should take up/provide mentorship
- Commit to participate in review of prescribing with Health Board to ensure prescribing is in line with clinical and national/local guidelines and meets the relevant registration and regulatory requirements
- Only use their own personally annotated Prescription Pad to provide the service
- Only use their NHS Lothian Prescription Pad within NHS Lothian
- Will maintain security of prescription pads issued as described in the national guidance. [NSS Security of Prescription Form Guidance](#)
- Will report any missing, lost, or stolen prescription pads using the [reporting lost, stolen pads form](#)
- Will complete details on enclosed form to allow health board to process application for prescriber number and pads (see below)

Community Pharmacist Practitioner Registration Details

Please complete and return this form to: loth.adminrehpharmacy@nhs.scot

CPIP personal details	
Name	
GPhC No	
Contractor Code	
NHS Email (not branch shared mailbox)	
Training Record	
Date registered as an independent prescriber on the GPhC register?	
Clinical Skills for Pharmacist: Module 1 Foundations of Clinical communication	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Clinical Skills for Pharmacist: Module 2a Basic Examination Skills Part 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Clinical Skills for Pharmacist: Module 2b Basic Examination Skills Part 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Clinical Skills for Pharmacist: Module 3 Application of Clinical Skills (Common Clinical Conditions)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Teach & Treat hub (Common Clinical Conditions)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Insurance	
Do you have valid and adequate Indemnity Insurance to cover independent prescribing as per GPhC Guidance?	

I have read and understood the NHS Lothian Memorandum of Understanding for the Provision of a Pharmacy First Plus Service
I accept the provisions contained therein:

CPIP Name _____ (please print)

CPIP Signature _____

NHS Lothian authorisation details (to be completed by Healthboard)

NHS Lothian Representative _____ (please print)

NHS Lothian Representative Signature _____