

Emergency Hormonal Contraception Client Competence

This form must be completed for clients who are believed to be under 16 years of age or where competence is in doubt. It must be retained in the pharmacy where the consultation took place with the Patient Record Form from the consultation.

Whilst it is permissible to offer young people confidential contraceptive advice they must be made aware that there can be rare occasions when this confidentiality may be broken and other agencies involved. This is usually if the professional suspects that someone is hurting or harming the client. In some situations, such as where there is a discrepancy in age between a very young client and their partner, concerns may be raised. If you are unsure, discuss the situation with a colleague or contact the designated Safeguarding nurse. It is probably not in the clients best interest to withhold emergency hormonal contraception but record keeping should reflect details of the consultation.

Discussion with the young person should explore the following issues at each consultation. This should be fully documented and should include an assessment of the young person's maturity.

Assessment of Client Competence

Does the client understand the advice given, the potential risks and benefits of treatment, and has sufficient maturity to understand what is involved, in terms of moral, social and emotional implications?	YES	NO
Has the client been encouraged to involve her parents or to allow the healthcare professional to?	YES	NO
Has the possible effect on the physical or mental health of the client if advice/treatment were withheld, been considered?	YES	NO
Is providing contraceptive advice and treatment in the best interest of the client?	YES	NO

If individual is not competent, record action taken:

Pharmacist Signature: Date:

Clients Signature: Date: