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Sent via email to community pharmacy nhs.net email accounts

Dear Pharmacist,

RE: Updated Patient Group Direction (PGD) for the supply of Levonorgestrel Emergency Hormonal Contraception (EHC) via the Wigan Borough Community Pharmacy EHC Service.

As a provider of the Locally Commissioned Wigan Borough Community Pharmacy Emergency Hormonal Contraception (EHC) Service, you will be aware the existing PGD (version number 1.1, Ref No: MM-PGD-024) for the supply of Levonorgestrel 1500microgram Tablet(s) is due to expire on 28th February 2023.

Please find attached the new version of the PGD (version 2.0, Ref No: MM-PGD-025) **which must be used within the service from 1st March 2023** along with a copy of the Client Record Form and Client Competence Assessment Form which have also been reviewed to align with the commencement of the new PGD.

You will note we have continued to use the national PGD template for supply of Levonorgestrel. There have been no clinical changes to the PGD, however there are some minor wording changes within the PGD which I would like to draw your attention to:

Section	Update to wording
Initial training	Addition of: <i>'Individual has undertaken appropriate training for working under PGDs for the supply and administration of medicines. Recommended training - eLfh PGD elearning programme'</i>
Criteria for exclusion	<i>'Known or suspected pregnancy'</i> updated to <i>'Known pregnancy'</i>
Off label use	<i>'Increased dose for individuals with BMI over 26kg/m²'</i> updated to <i>'consideration of increased dose for individuals with BMI over 26kg/m²'</i> Addition of: <i>'Note some products may be licenced only for certain age groups (e.g. 16 years and over) – supply of these products outside the licensed age groups is permitted under this PGD'.</i>
Dose and frequency of administration	Addition of: <i>'Note the effectiveness of this regimen is unknown'.</i>
Duration of treatment	Addition of: Repeated doses, <i>'as separate episodes of care'</i> , can be given within the same cycle
Written information and further advice to be provided	Addition of: <i>'Advise to consult a pharmacist, nurse or doctor before taking any new medicines including those purchased'.</i>

On receipt of this letter, PGD and associated paperwork, please can all pharmacists, including locum pharmacists who provide the service from the pharmacy ensure they have completed the following:

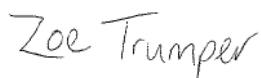
- Have read and signed that they are competent to work under the new PGD (version 2.0), so it is ready for implementation from 1st March 2023.
- Have been authorised to work under the new PGD (version 2.0) by their manager.
- Have considered any additional learning needs or training which may be required, including revisiting their Declaration of Competence for Emergency Hormonal Contraception. Pharmacists are also encouraged to review their competency using the [NICE Competency Framework for health professionals using patient group directions](#)

Pharmacists must ensure that from 1st March 2023, all expired paperwork is archived and the new PGD and associated forms are used when providing the service.

Please note, there have been no other changes to the Locally Commissioned Wigan Borough Community Pharmacy Emergency Hormonal Contraception (EHC) Service.

Should you require any further information or have any questions about the information provided, please contact the Wigan Locality Medicines Management Department on 07810181043.

Yours sincerely



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