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Dear Community Pharmacist

Re: Extension of validity of Patient Group Directions (PGDs) for the Community Pharmacy PGD LES provided in BNSSG

We are aware that the PGD(s) currently in use in the PGD service have an expiry date of 28th February 2022 and that full review and authorisation will not be completed by this date.

The legislation currently allows for PGDs validity to be extended for a limited period if necessary. We therefore think that this is a sensible step given the issues that would be caused if the service were unable to use these PGDs for a period of time.

This letter gives notice that the PGD(s) listed below will have their period of validity extended to the date shown by which time the updated versions will be available. Note that updated versions of the Sore Throat and UTI PGDs will be available by the end of May to align with a planned review of the BNSSG antimicrobial guidelines and the other PGDs have had a 12-month extension.

SERVICE	DRUG (PGD)	CURRENT EXPIRY	EXTENDED EXPIRY
UTI - Trimethoprim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trimethoprim 200mg tablets 	28 TH February 2022	31 st May 2023
UTI - Nitrofurantoin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nitrofurantoin 100mg MR capsules 	28 TH February 2022	31 st May 2023
Sore Throat - Clarithromycin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarithromycin 125mg/5ml oral suspension paediatric Clarithromycin 250mg/5ml oral suspension paediatric Clarithromycin 250mg tablets 	28 TH February 2022	31 st May 2023
Sore Throat – Penicillin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phenoxymethylpenicillin 125mg/5ml oral solution 	28 TH February 2022	31 st May 2023



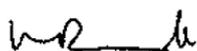
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phenoxymethylpenicillin 250mg/5ml oral solution • Phenoxymethylpenicillin 250mg tablets 		
Impetigo – Fucidin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fucidin 2% cream 	28 TH February 2022	28 TH February 2023
Impetigo - Flucloxacillin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flucloxacillin 125mg/5ml oral solution • Flucloxacillin 250mg capsules • Flucloxacillin 500mg capsules 	28 TH February 2022	28 TH February 2023
Impetigo – Clarithromycin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarithromycin oral suspension paediatric 125mg/5m; • Clarithromycin oral suspension paediatric 250mg/5ml • Clarithromycin 250mg tablets • Clarithromycin 500mg tablets 	28 TH February 2022	28 TH February 2023
Mild Skin Conditions - Hydrocortisone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydrocortisone 1% cream • Hydrocortisone 1% ointment 	28 TH February 2022	28 TH February 2023
Conjunctivitis - Chloramphenicol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chloramphenicol 1% eye ointment • Chloramphenicol 0.5% eye drops 	28 TH February 2022	28 TH February 2023

The PGD(s) listed above have been reviewed by the pharmacist leads and it has been assessed that the PGDs remain safe to use and will not put service users at increased risk of harm.

A copy of this letter should be kept with the PGD records in all areas where healthcare professionals are working to these PGDs. It should also be brought to the attention of the individual healthcare professionals who operate under the PGDs currently.

If you have any queries, please contact Helen Wilkinson hwilkinson1@nhs.net

Yours sincerely,





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