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PATIENT GROUP DIRECTION (PGD)

Supply of doxycycline for the treatment of uncomplicated *Chlamydia trachomatis*, by Community Pharmacists providing the chlamydia treatment service under the sexual health enhanced service contract commissioned by Bath and North East Somerset Council

Version Number 1

Change History	
Version and Date	Change details
Version 1 11 th October 2022	First draft using FSRH template, added localised details for B&NES including confirmation of patient via ACSO and local service and website details
Version 2 7 th Nov 2022	Comments from group added, amendments from AF added, in box comments removed

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PGD DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Date PGD template comes into effect:	1 st December 2022
Expiry date:	30 th November 2024

This PGD template has been peer reviewed by the Reproductive Health PGDs Short Life Working Group in accordance with their Terms of Reference. It has been approved by British Association for Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH)/BASHH Bacterial Special Interest Group (BSIG) in October 2020 and modified to include information and details specific to Bath and North East Somerset in October 2022

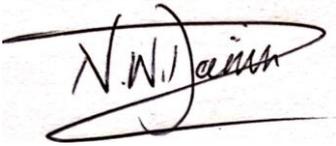
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1. Characteristics of staff

Qualifications and professional registration	<p>Current contract of employment within a Local Authority or NHS commissioned service or an NHS Trust/organisation.</p> <p>Registered Pharmacists who have received training to undertake administration and supply of medicines under Patient Group Directions and are competent in the management of contraception care, working in a community pharmacy under the Sexual Health enhanced contract</p>
Initial training	<p>The registered healthcare professional authorised to operate under this PGD must have undertaken appropriate education and training and successfully completed the competencies to undertake clinical assessment of patient leading to diagnosis of the conditions listed.</p> <p>Recommended requirement for training would be successful completion of a relevant sexual health module/course accredited or endorsed by the BASHH, CPPE, RCN or a university or advised in the RCN Sexual Health Education directory.</p> <p>The healthcare professional has completed locally required training (including updates):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPPE distance learning: Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Level 2 • Attendance at B&NES doxycycline training event/completion of online B&NES doxycycline training • An enhanced DBS certificate is in place
Competency assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals operating under this PGD must be assessed as competent (see Appendix A) or complete a self-declaration of competence for Chlamydia testing and/or treatment. • Staff operating under this PGD are encouraged to review their competency using the NICE Competency Framework for health professionals using patient group directions
Ongoing training and competency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals operating under this PGD are personally responsible for ensuring they remain up to date with the use of all medicines and guidance included in the PGD - if any training needs are identified these should be discussed with the senior individual responsible for authorising individuals to act under the PGD and further training provided as required. • Organisational PGD and/or medication training as required by employing Trust/organisation.
<p>The decision to supply any medication rests with the individual registered health professional who must abide by the PGD and any associated organisational policies.</p>	

2. Clinical condition or situation to which this PGD applies

Clinical condition or situation to which this PGD applies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genital, pharyngeal and/or rectal <i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> infection • Asymptomatic individuals presenting within 2 weeks of sexual contact with an individual with a confirmed diagnosis of with any of the conditions detailed below.
Criteria for inclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals with a positive test for <i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> infection in the genitals, rectum or pharynx. • Asymptomatic individuals presenting within 2 weeks of sexual contact with an individual with a confirmed diagnosis of chlamydia who are unwilling/unable to defer testing after the 2 week window period. • A single repeat treatment course for individuals who have had sexual intercourse within 7 days of receiving treatment or who have had sex with partner untreated for the above conditions. • Consent given. • Aged 13 years and over. All individual under the age of 19 years - follow local young person's risk assessment or equivalent local process. • The pharmacy will receive confirmation from Avon Chlamydia Screening Office that the client tested positive for chlamydia and that doxycycline is the treatment to be used
Criteria for exclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consent not given. • Individuals under 13 years of age. • Individuals under 16 years old and assessed as lacking capacity to consent using the Fraser Guidelines. • Individuals 16 years of age and over and assessed as lacking capacity to consent. • The pharmacy has not received confirmation from Avon Chlamydia Screening Office that the presenting client has tested positive for chlamydia trachomatis <p>Medical history</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals with clinical proctitis or PID • Individuals with confirmed Lymphogranuloma venereum (LGV) or a contact of LGV. • Breast feeding • Known pregnancy • Known hepatic impairment • Known severe renal impairment • Presence of concomitant conjunctivitis and/or joint pain/swelling • Acute porphyria • Myasthenia gravis • Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE) • Individuals with oesophagitis and oesophageal ulcerations. • Sucrose or fructose intolerance. • Glucose galactose malabsorption • Sucrose-isomaltase insufficiency.

	<p>Medication history</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any concurrent interacting medicine(s) – see Section 4 Drug interactions Known allergy or hypersensitivity to doxycycline, other tetracycline antibiotics or to any component of the product - see Summary of Product Characteristics (SPC)
Cautions including any relevant action to be taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the individual is less than 16 years of age an assessment based on Fraser guidelines must be made and documented. If the presenting individual is under 13 years of age the healthcare professional should speak to local safeguarding lead and follow the local safeguarding policy (note under 13 years of age excluded from treatment under this PGD). Discuss with appropriate medical/independent non-medical prescriber any medical condition or medication of which the healthcare professional is unsure or uncertain.
Action to be taken if the individual is excluded or declines treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If declined ensure individual is aware of the need for treatment and the potential consequences of not receiving treatment. Explain the reasons for exclusion to the individual and document in the consultation record. Record reason for decline in the consultation record. Refer to client's GP or sexual health service e.g. Riverside Clinic within an appropriate timescale Inform patient of alternative options if appropriate Contact Avon Chlamydia Screening Office to advise them that the client is excluded under the PGD (csp.avon@uhbw.nhs.uk / 0117 342 9299)

3. Description of treatment

Name, strength & formulation of drug	<p>Doxycycline 50mg or 100mg capsules or 100mg dispersible tablets.</p> <p>NB: The treatments in this PGD are written according to national BASHH guidance, however the healthcare professional should also refer to the local formulary or other local supporting guidance for selection of the most appropriate preparation for the individual.</p>
Legal category	POM
Route of administration	Oral
Off label use	<p>Medicines should be stored according to the conditions detailed in the Storage section below. However, in the event of an inadvertent or unavoidable deviation of these conditions the local pharmacy or Medicines Management team must be consulted. Where medicines have been assessed by pharmacy/Medicines Management in accordance with national or specific product recommendations as appropriate for continued use this would constitute off-label administration under this PGD. The responsibility for the decision to release the affected drugs for use</p>

	<p>lies with pharmacy/Medicines Management.</p> <p>Where a medicine is recommended off-label consider, as part of the consent process, informing the individual/parent/carer that the drug is being offered in accordance with national guidance but that this is outside the product licence.</p>
Dose and frequency of administration	<p>100mg twice daily</p> <p>Individuals with a diagnosis of uncomplicated <i>Mycoplasma genitalium</i> infection to follow doxycycline course with specific antimicrobial therapy according to resistance profile.</p>
Duration of treatment	7 days
Quantity to be supplied	<p>7 day supply - appropriately labelled pack of 28x50mg, 14x100mg capsules or 14x100mg dispersible tablets.</p> <p>For 14 day supply - appropriately labelled pack/s (as above) to a total quantity of 56x50mg, 28x100mg capsules or 28x100mg dispersible tablets.</p>
Storage	Medicines must be stored securely according to national guidelines and in accordance with the product SPC.
Drug interactions	<p>All concurrent medications should be reviewed for interactions. The interactions listed as severe/concurrent use to be avoided in the BNF are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acitretin • Alitretinoin • Isotretinoin • Lithium • Tretinoin <p>A detailed list of all drug interactions is available in the BNF or the product SPC</p>
Identification & management of adverse reactions	<p>A detailed list of adverse reactions is available in the SPC and BNF</p> <p>The following side effects are common with doxycycline (but may not reflect all reported side effects):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hypersensitivity reactions • Headache • Nausea • Vomiting • Rashes including maculopapular and erythematous rashes, exfoliative dermatitis, erythema. • Photosensitivity skin reactions.
Management of and reporting procedure for adverse reactions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthcare professionals and patients/carers are encouraged to report suspected adverse reactions to the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) using the Yellow Card reporting scheme • Record all adverse drug reactions (ADRs) in the patient's medical record.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report via organisation incident policy.
<p>Written information and further advice to be given to individual</p>	<p>Medication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give patient information leaflet (PIL) provided with the original pack. Explain mode of action, side effects, and benefits of the medicine • Advise to swallow the capsules whole with plenty of fluids during meals while sitting or standing and well before bedtime to prevent irritation to the oesophagus. • Advise not to take antacids or preparations containing calcium, iron, zinc and magnesium salts at the same time as doxycycline. • Advise to avoid exposure to direct sunlight or ultraviolet light. <p>Condition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbal and written information on <i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i>/ treatment. • Discuss implications of incompletely treated/untreated infection of self or partner. • Advise to abstain completely from sexual intercourse (even with condoms) including oral sex, during treatment and until treatment course completed and until partner(s) treatment completed. Where not achievable advise on use of condoms. • Discuss risk of re-infection, and further transmission of infection, if after treatment sexual intercourse takes place with an untreated partner/s • Discuss partner/s notification and issue contact slips if appropriate • Offer condoms, including via B&NES Ccard, and advice on safer sex practices and possible need for screening for sexually transmitted infections (STIs) • Where treatment not supplied via a sexual health clinic ensure the individual has contact details of local sexual health services such as Riverside Clinic and www.safebanes.com
<p>Follow up treatment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The individual should be advised to seek medical advice in the event of an adverse reaction. • Individuals with a definite diagnosis of uncomplicated infection, follow local protocol for Chlamydia follow up and partner notification. • Individuals who have not had a full STI screen (or who did not have Chlamydia diagnosed in a sexual health clinic) should be advised to attend an appropriate service such as Riverside Clinic for a full STI screen. • Routine follow-up for uncomplicated Chlamydia following treatment with doxycycline is unnecessary, except in the following situations where local protocols should be followed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Where poor compliance is suspected. ○ Where symptoms persist. • Re-treatment may be needed in clients who have not completed the course of treatment, or have had unprotected

	<p>sex with an untreated partner, including within one week of starting treatment if both treated simultaneously. If re-treatment is required contact Avon Chlamydia Screening Office (csp.avon@uhbw.nhs.uk / 0117 342 9299), Riverside Clinic (ruh-tr.sexualhealthclinic@nhs.net / 01225 826835), or the client's GP</p>
<p>Records</p>	<p>Record:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The consent of the individual and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If individual is under 13 years of age record action taken ○ If individual is under 16 years of age document capacity using Fraser guidelines. If not competent record action taken. ○ If individual over 16 years of age and not competent, record action taken • If individual not treated under PGD record action taken • Name of individual, address, date of birth • GP contact details where appropriate • Relevant past and present medical and sexual history, including medication history. • Examination or microbiology finding/s where relevant. • Any known allergies and nature of reaction • Name of registered health professional • Name of medication supplied • Date of supply • Dose supplied • Quantity supplied including batch number and expiry date in line with local procedures. • Advice given about the medication including side effects, benefits, and when and what to do if any concerns • Advice given, including advice given if excluded or declines treatment • Details of any adverse drug reactions and actions taken • Any referral arrangements made • Any supply outside the terms of the product marketing authorisation • Recorded that supplied via Patient Group Direction (PGD) <p>Records should be signed and dated (or a password controlled e-records) and securely kept for a defined period in line with local policy.</p> <p>All records should be clear, legible and contemporaneous.</p> <p>A record of all individuals receiving treatment under this PGD should also be kept for audit purposes in accordance with local policy.</p>

4. Key references

Key references (accessed February 2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Electronic Medicines Compendium http://www.medicines.org.uk/• Electronic BNF https://bnf.nice.org.uk/• NICE Medicines practice guideline “Patient Group Directions” https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/mpg2• BASHH CEG September 2018 – Update on the treatment of <i>Chlamydia trachomatis</i> (CT) infection https://www.bashhguidelines.org/media/1191/update-on-the-treatment-of-chlamydia-trachomatis-infection-final-16-9-18.pdf• BASSH UK National Guideline on the management of non-gonococcal urethritis www.bashhguidelines.org/media/1051/ngu-2015.pdf;• British Association for Sexual Health and HIV national guideline for the management of infection with <i>Mycoplasma genitalium</i> www.bashhguidelines.org/media/1198/mg-2018.pdf• Royal Pharmaceutical Society Safe and Secure Handling of Medicines December 2018 https://www.rpharms.com/recognition/setting-professional-standards/safe-and-secure-handling-of-medicines
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Appendix A - Registered health professional authorisation sheet

PGD Name/Version: Supply of doxycycline for the treatment of uncomplicated Chlamydia trachomatis, by Community Pharmacists providing the chlamydia treatment service under the sexual health enhanced service contract commissioned by Bath and North East Somerset Council, Version 1

Valid from: 1st December 2022

Expiry: 30th November 2024

Before signing this PGD, check that the document has had the necessary authorisations. Without these, this PGD is not lawfully valid.

Registered health professional

By signing this patient group direction you are indicating that you agree to its contents and that you will work within it.

Patient group directions do not remove inherent professional obligations or accountability.

It is the responsibility of each professional to practise only within the bounds of their own competence and professional code of conduct.

I confirm that I have read and understood the content of this Patient Group Direction and that I am willing and competent to work to it within my professional code of conduct.

Name	Designation	Signature	Date

Authorising manager

I confirm that the registered health professionals named above have declared themselves suitably trained and competent to work under this PGD. I give authorisation on behalf of **insert name of organisation** for the above named health care professionals who have signed the PGD to work under it.

Name	Designation	Signature	Date

Note to authorising manager

Score through unused rows in the list of registered health professionals to prevent additions post managerial authorisation.

This authorisation sheet should be retained to serve as a record of those registered health professionals authorised to work under this PGD.