



Dear Colleague

PRESCRIPTION STATIONERY AND ADDITION OF PARAMEDICS AS NHS INDEPENDENT PRESCRIBERS

Purpose

1. This Circular advises community pharmacy contractors that;

- As of 1 April 2018 paramedics can become an independent prescriber within NHSScotland; and
- From May 2019, community pharmacies may receive GP10 prescription forms signed by paramedic independent prescribers for dispensing.

Background

2. Prescribing rights have been extended to paramedic independent prescribers. As of 1 April 2018 they were included in the definition of 'prescriber' within the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 and will be able to prescribe within their own competency.

3. The new paramedic prescribers are persons who are registered in the parts of the register maintained under article 5 of the Health Professions Order 2001 for paramedics and against whose name in the register is recorded an annotation signifying that they are qualified to order drugs, medicines and appliances as an independent prescriber.

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Addresses

For action

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Detail

4. From May 2019, community pharmacies may be presented with prescription forms that have been signed by paramedic independent prescribers. The initial cohort will be based within GP practices and will use the standard GP10 form.
5. A further cohort of paramedic independent prescribers will be ready later in the year to start writing prescriptions and further clarification will be issued at that point about the type of prescription stationery they will use.
6. Community Pharmacy Scotland has been consulted on this circular.

Action

7. NHS Boards are asked to bring this Circular to the attention of their community pharmacy contractors and local pharmacy committees.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rose Marie Parr". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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