

Covid-19 Briefing for Community Pharmacy Teams

Alcohol & Drug Services Planning for Opiate substitution Therapy (OST)

Alcohol and Drug services are currently undertaking holistic risk assessment of all patients to review supervision and collection frequency. The FV Accountable Office has agreed to an **extension of prescription duration up to 56 days** to support continuity of prescription processing. Any changes to prescriptions will be **from next due date** and will be delivered or posted to pharmacy by each service.

A “named individual / buddy” is being identified who can support medicine collection in the event of changing circumstances and for high risk groups. **An email notification will come to your generic email box by Monday 23rd** at the latest. The nominated buddy has been asked to bring I.D. of some description. Please check the list and advise of any anomalies /concerns. Current prescription wording allows for this and prescriptions will not be amended.

Anyone self-isolating or in the vulnerable group without a nominated individual will have medicine collection managed by the service, you will not be expected to deliver their medicines.

If nurses or CGL key workers are collecting for these patients they will bring ID. The use of third sector agencies to support is being explored as the situation develops.

Communication:

- Communication is a key part of maintaining patient and staff safety at this challenging time and any missed doses or concerns should be escalated via normal process.
- It is recognised that supervision is an instruction and not a legal requirement. If you become unable to provide OST supervision please notify fv-uhb.CADSprescribing@nhs.net to ensure services are aware and able to further risk assess.
- In the event of **closure** please notify Primary Care Contracts using the normal process highlighting that you have patients prescribed OST. Copy to fv-uhb.CADSprescribing@nhs.net
- If the pharmacy is closed and staff relocated to an alternative site please transfer CD registers, active prescriptions and stock if possible.

Contact details :

Please use the generic email for non-urgent enquiries and only call if urgent.

Services (Monday-Friday 0900-1700)

CADS South	01786 468282	
CADS North	01324 673670	email:
CGL	0808 1962188	email: fv-uhb.cglforthvalley@nhs.net

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Naloxone / Injecting Equipment Provision (IEP):

IEP provision and supply of naloxone is an essential service to OST patients as this is a high risk time and you may see increasing demand for both as patients are reminded of the harm reduction message around the spread of Covid-19.

General information:

- **Update telephone contact details for all patients in this group**
- **Seek professional support from your superintendent of GPhC**