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Dear Lead Pharmacist

**IMPORTANT: To all pharmacists who are contracted to supply and administer  
Emergency Hormonal Contraception (EHC)**

The current Patient Group Directions (PGDs) for Emergency Hormonal Contraception (Levonorgestrel and Ulipristal Acetate) have expired. The PGD and service specification for this service have been reviewed and updated in line with most recent templates provided by the Specialist Pharmacy Service [Templates – SPS - Specialist Pharmacy Service – The first stop for professional medicines advice](#) and clinical guidance from the Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Health <https://www.fsrh.org/standards-and-guidance/documents/ceu-clinical-guidance-emergency-contraception-march-2017/>

New PGDs for Ulipristal Acetate and Levonorgestrel and a new service specification replace the expired paperwork and are valid from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023. Please delete any previous paperwork pertaining to this service.

This service may only be provided from an accredited community pharmacy where each pharmacist delivering the service is appropriately qualified and meets the defined training requirements. All pharmacists should attend a locally approved training event organised by Sexual Health in Plymouth (SHiP). An online training session is planned for September 2023, bookable via Eventbrite and delivered by Devon Sexual Health and Sexual Health in Plymouth. Booking instructions will be communicated via the LPC website and PharmOutcomes.

PharmOutcomes provides the system for electronic recording of all consultations provided as part of this service. All individual pharmacists delivering this service need to be enrolled onto the service on PharmOutcomes.

**What you need to do now:**

Please read the new PGDs and complete and sign the Pharmacy Authorisation Sheets to confirm that you are happy to use. **Please return a scanned copy of each of the signed**

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**Pharmacy Authorisation Sheets to [odph@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:odph@plymouth.gov.uk) by 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023.**  
Please retain another signed copy for your records.

All individual pharmacists delivering this service are required to sign the Practitioner Authorisation Sheet to confirm that they have read and understood the PGDs and are qualified and competent to deliver the service.

Please do not hesitate to contact to contact [odph@plymouth.gov.uk](mailto:odph@plymouth.gov.uk) if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully

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