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Dear Lead Pharmacist

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

1. The current service specification for the provision of Emergency Hormonal Contraception and Chlamydia Screening has been reviewed and updated to include all women aged 13 and over. The previous eligibility criteria of women aged 13-24 no longer applies.
2. The service specification for Chlamydia Screening in Pharmacies has been amended to include a payment of £2.60 for the *issue* of chlamydia tests to eligible women aged 13-24. This will be paid in addition to existing arrangements for tests returned.

The new service specification replaces the previous version and is valid from 1st March 2024. Please delete any previous paperwork pertaining to this service. The PGD remains unchanged. This service should continue to 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 Spring 2024, bookable via Eventbrite and delivered by Devon Sexual Health and Sexual Health in Plymouth. Booking instructions will be communicated via the Devon Community Pharmacy website and PharmOutcomes.

What you need to do now:

Please read the new service specification and complete and sign the Contract Variation Form to confirm that you are happy to use. **Please return a scanned copy of each of the signed Contract Variation Form to odph@plymouth.gov.uk by 1stth March 2024.** Please retain another signed copy for your records.

Please do not hesitate to contact to contact odph@plymouth.gov.uk if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully

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