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To: All Community Pharmacists

Dear Colleague

### **Changes to Gluten free (GF) prescribing for patients diagnosed with Coeliac Disease and/or Dermatitis Herpetiformis**

The prescribing of gluten free items on the NHS in West Suffolk is changing from **1<sup>st</sup> February 2016**:

1. Patients aged 19 years and over will no longer receive any gluten free items on prescription.
2. Patients aged 18 years and under will be able to have up to 8 units per month of gluten free items on prescription.

This is a decision that is supported by the WSCCG Clinical Executive. The same changes are also being implemented across Ipswich and East Suffolk.

Please refer to the enclosed GF Patient Information Leaflet for further information. This has been sent to all GP practices and we are in the process of sending it to the relevant patient group in West Suffolk. The LPC, LMC, PALS and Coeliac UK have also been informed.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Linda Lord (contact details above). Many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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