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Dear Pharmacist

North Lincolnshire Substance Misuse Service

As you may be aware North Lincolnshire Substance Misuse services will be changing. From the 1st September 2018, Addaction, in partnership with Agencia, will lead the delivery of the substance misuse treatment and harm reduction services for adults in North Lincolnshire. Step Forward provided by Grow, Live Change (CGL) will no longer be providing these services.

Prescription arrangements

CGL will continue to generate substitute prescriptions until the end of August. These prescriptions will extend beyond 31 August and will finish at different times in September.

Addaction will start to generate prescriptions for service users previously prescribed by CGL in September, to take effect as the CGL prescriptions come to an end. These will either be sent to you or be given directly to patients in the same way as they currently are.

Service users have to give consent for transfer of prescription data from CGL and CGL staff are ensuring that this happens. Prescription data will be passed to Addaction by the middle of August.

No prescription will be generated for service users who have not given consent for data transfer as we will not have their data.

Participating pharmacies might want to check with individuals who use their pharmacy that they have given consent before the end of August.

The prescriptions from September onwards will have our prescribing code, prescribing practice address and contact phone number on the bottom. Addaction's address and contact details will be as follows:

Addaction North Lincolnshire

189-195 High Street
Scunthorpe
Lincolnshire
DN15 6EA

Telephone: 01724 857 633

If there are any queries or problems with CGL prescriptions **up to and including 31st August 2018** pharmacies should call CGL.

If there are any queries or problems with prescriptions **from 1st September 2018 onwards** pharmacies should call the above number. After 1st September, Addaction will assume governance responsibility for the CGL prescriptions that extend into September.

PLEASE NOTE: Arrangements regarding existing Agencia service users will remain unchanged.

Summary

We recognise that the transfer of responsibility for delivering all drug and alcohol treatment across North Lincolnshire is a major undertaking for everyone concerned. Our main aim is to ensure continuity of care and patient safety.

We ask you to bear with us if issues arise and to be assured that we will work with you to sort them out. We hope to have a long and fruitful relationship with local pharmacy services.

If you have any queries before 1st September, you can email these to:

NorthLincs.info@addaction.org.uk

Yours faithfully



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