

Dear Pharmacy,

Re: Transfer of needle exchange service provision from community pharmacies to Addaction, July 6th 2018

Following the issue of notice of cessation of the Cornwall Council community pharmacy needle exchange contract, sent out via e-mail and Pharmoutcomes in April 2018, please find attached the plan for the final 2 weeks of the service and transfer to a new model of delivery.

Please read the plan carefully and if you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch with Angela Andrews (DAAT) on 07890559694, or Robert Daws, Operations Manager Addaction on Office: 01872 263 001 and Mobile: 07972 640 193.

Addaction will be providing your pharmacy with a poster to put up in your shop, as well as leaflets to be given to service users informing them of the changeover. These should be with you by Friday 29th June 2018, please contact Rob Dawes if you have not received these by this date. I would appreciate it if you could continue to give out these leaflets next few weeks to any service users who may need re-direction to the new service.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all of the pharmacies that have delivered this most valuable and valued service for more than 15 years in this county. It has provided a framework for vital harm reduction work associated with disease control and prevention for injecting drug users. We are very sorry to be in the position we are of having to decommission, and you will be aware that this is because of the cuts being made to the Public health Grant to local authorities, which has funded this scheme.

The drug and alcohol action team will continue to work with community pharmacies to deliver the remaining vital services of: Identification and brief advice for alcohol misuse (IBA); Supervised consumption; and dispensing of opiate replacement therapy. I am also happy to report that the new Home alcohol detoxification monitoring service has now been trialled in 2 pharmacies and is working well. If we are ever in the position to recommence provision, we will do so.

Once again, many thanks for your support in these matters,

Kim Hager

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