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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) expire on the 30th June 2021. 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

<https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/reproductive-health-patient-group-direction-pgd-templates/>
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 1st July 2021. 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 14th July 2021 at 7pm and further sessions are planned for September. Full details and booking processes will be available in due course and 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 Sheet of both copies to confirm that you are happy to use. **Please return one copy of each of the signed PGDs to odph@plymouth.gov.uk** by 31st July 2021. Please retain the other copies for you 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 if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully

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