



## Public Health

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### To All HMR Pharmacies

Dear Pharmacy Contractor,

Please find attached new Patient Group Directions (PGD) for the supply of treatment for chlamydia infection. This PGD is valid from 7th January 2019 and supersedes the one issued earlier this year by Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council. This PGD is only valid within the boundary of Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council and it does not authorise supply outside this area.

It has been necessary to review the PGDs for treating chlamydia infection due to a change in guidance issued by the British Association for Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH). Please note that guidance now recommends the use of doxycycline first line and azithromycin, at a different dose, where this is contraindicated.

An individual copy of this PGD should be provided to those pharmacists that meet the competence requirements. It is the responsibility of the Pharmacy Contractor to ensure that pharmacists are competent to deliver this service and should retain a copy of their PGD authorisation sheet and their declaration of competence using the 'Declaration of Competence for pharmacy services – Chlamydia screening and treatment' produced by CPPE and NHS Health Education England. This is available at <http://www.cppe.ac.uk>.

During Post payment Verification checks Pharmacy Contractors may be asked to provide evidence that only appropriate pharmacists were engaged to deliver this service. Pharmacy contractors are responsible for ensuring that pharmacists that they engage are working to the most recently issued PGD.

Pharmacists carry responsibility for ensuring that they are competent to practice under this PGD and should ensure that they maintain their competence as governed by General Pharmaceutical Council standards and codes. It is important that all pharmacists read through the reviewed PGD and ensure they understand any changes incorporated within it and where necessary ensure they meet the service

specification in line with the PGD before signing.

It is the responsibility of the pharmacist to make sure that they are working to a valid PGD and they should make a note of any expiry date and ensure that they obtain a newer version when necessary.

The PGD should be used as a working document supported by any consultation documentation that is used.

If you have queries with regard to this PGD please contact Ryan Staniland on 01706 922931; any queries of a clinical nature can be addressed to Stephen Woods, Senior Medicines Optimisation Pharmacist at Greater Manchester Health and Care Commissioning on 0161 212 5680.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Staniland', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Ryan Staniland

Public Health Commissioning Manager