

Strategic Medicines Optimisation Team
part of Greater Manchester Joint Commissioning Team

Temporary Adjustment to the Patient Group Direction for the Supply of

Levonorgestrel 1500 microgram tablet

**By Registered Pharmacists for Emergency Hormonal Contraception in
Community Pharmacy**

Adjustments as listed below effective from 07/04/2020 until 30/06/2020.

To be reviewed by 30/06/2020 dependent upon the COVID-19 pandemic situation at that time.

Designation	Name	Date of email approval
Doctor (Clinical Lead Heywood, Middleton & Rochdale CCG)	Dr A York	6 th April 2020
Senior Pharmacist (Strategic Medicines Optimisation Pharmacist GM Joint Commissioning Team)	Andrew Martin	3 rd April 2020
Authorising Signatory (Director of Public Health, Rochdale Borough Council)	Andrea Fallon	3 rd April 2020
Pharmacist Representative (On behalf of Greater Manchester LPC. Mr Kapoor has superseded Mr Pickering who signed the original version)	Aneet Kapoor	7 th April 2020
Pharmacist Author (Senior Medicines Optimisation Pharmacist GM Joint Commissioning Team)	Stephen Woods	Not applicable: Mr Woods stopped work on 31 st March 2020

Date Changes Applicable: 07/04/2020

Review Date: 30/06/20 or until pandemic declared over by Public Health England if before.

Adjustments shown in bold below

The original document produced by GM Shared Services and authorised by Rochdale Council shall be adhered to in full with the following adjustments deemed necessary for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic to reduce risk of transmission:

Page / Section	Updated Text
Page 8: Quantity to be administered and/or supplied	Single dose of 1500 or 3000 micrograms to be supplied. The patient does not need to be observed taking the medication. The pharmacist should seek assurance from the patient they will take the dose as soon as possible and within 72 hours of UPSI or potential contraception failure when taking away
Page 11: Written information to be given to the patient or carer	The patient should be given the following written information if appropriate <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The product specific information sheet supplied with the medicine• Provide or direct the patient to a copy of the family planning association (FPA) leaflet "Your guide to emergency contraception" (available at www.fpa.org.uk/resources/downloads)

Please place this Temporary Adjustment note with the PGD.

Pharmacists may use their professional judgement on how they provide emergency hormonal contraception providing they take steps to minimise patient risk and be mindful of potential for abuse with due regard to safeguarding.

Any provision and use of professional judgement must give due consideration to the latest advice given by the General Pharmaceutical Council and Royal Pharmaceutical Society.

Supplies made utilising this temporary adjustment should be recorded as such.