

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 01/10/2020 until 30/06/2021.

To be reviewed by 30/06/2021 dependent upon the COVID-19 pandemic situation at that time.

<b>Designation</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of email approval</b>
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**Date Changes Applicable: 01/10/2020**

**Review Date: 30/06/21 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 Bury 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:

<b>Page / Section</b>	<b>Updated Text</b>
Page 8: Quantity to be administered and/or supplied	Single dose of 1500 or 3000 micrograms to be supplied. The patient <b>does not</b> 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"><li>• The product specific information sheet supplied with the medicine</li><li>• <b>Provide or direct the patient</b> to a copy of the family planning association (FPA) leaflet "Your guide to emergency contraception" (available at <a href="http://www.fpa.org.uk/resources/downloads">www.fpa.org.uk/resources/downloads</a>)</li></ul>

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.