

Service Updated Notification – Salford EHC Specification

Following a few queries with regards to the Salford EHC specification, GMLPC have met with the commissioner to seek clarification. In light of the pressures of COVID-19, the service specification required some minor amends in the interim. There will be a further review of the service in next 12-15 months where the points below will be reviewed.

The commissioner confirmed, the service specification remains mostly unchanged from the previous version however there are several important updates for contractors as listed below.

1. Whilst the current specification does not allow for COVID provision, the PGDs have been updated to allow for EHC consultations to be carried out remotely where necessary. Full details can be found on the attached PGDs, Levonorgestrel pages 6 and 7, Ulipristal page 6 – quantity to be supplied.
2. Section 4 has been amended to reflect the ‘Information Sharing Agreement’ related to the councils and Pharmacy’s handling of data. Please note: There is no change to the data collection process for all service users. The ISA refers to Salford residents as these are the only service users Salford City Council receives data for.
3. Although condom and lubricant supply remains in the current document, there is no budget for delivering these to Pharmacies. Youth Services at the Beacon centre in Salford have a limited supply of free condoms which can be collected by contractors and offered to women under 25 accessing emergency hormonal contraception. We would request pharmacies to support if it is possible, however pharmacies will not be penalised if they cannot support.
4. EHC promotions will not be available due to the COVID 19 pandemic however contractors may continue to promote via in store materials e.g. posters.

If you have any further queries please get in touch with us on enquiries@gmlpc.org.uk