

## Staffordshire EHC service

Hi all and welcome to your newsletter. Here you will find important information on the following topics. If there's anything you would like included in your newsletter going forward, please get in touch – thanks, Aimee!



### **PGD update**

As you'll be aware, the updated PGD was launched on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017 to incorporate the new FSRH guidelines. Since the launch, there have been a number of queries raised regarding the referral of anyone who may be unsure when they last ovulated. This has now been updated so that the pharmacist is able to use their professional judgement as to whether EHC is appropriate or not for that individual.

You may also have noticed the PGD includes the following:

- **Face to face training** – please note this has also been updated as there is no current face to face training
- **Completion of CPPE Combatting CSE** – you'll shortly receive a new sub-contract detailing this requirement. You will then need to complete a declaration via pharmoutcomes confirming that you have completed the training course. You will be given a 3 month grace period to complete it.

### **Service availability**

We've recently been notified that a number of pharmacies have turned people away who have presented for the service for reasons such as:

- Pharmacist does not deliver
- Service user needed prescription

If your pharmacy is contracted to deliver the EHC service, it's important that your pharmacy informs me of any changes to personnel such that the supply of EHC via PGD becomes unavailable at the pharmacy – please email [staffs-ehc@celesio.co.uk](mailto:staffs-ehc@celesio.co.uk) if this is or becomes the case.

We will be shortly reviewing service delivery from all pharmacies, especially those that have

- a) Never enrolled onto pharmoutcomes
- b) Never registered anyone onto the service

As mentioned above, if there is a reason your pharmacy is not delivering the service, please let me know as soon as possible.

### **Emergency Supply service**

Did you know...? The contraception pill is covered under the Emergency Supply service commissioned by NHS England. If a pharmacist feels in their professional judgement that it is required, and it is not possible for the patient to obtain a prescription from their GP, a one month strip

of contraception is considered an original pack, so this is covered by the specification (see below extract from specification).

3.2 The pharmacist will at their discretion, make the supply in accordance with the requirements of the Human Medicines Regulations 2012. The maximum quantity to be supplied under this service is up to 14 days\* of treatment.

*\*Where a supply is made in a special container, the quantity may be rounded up to the nearest number of full packs. This may apply to inhalers, creams or ointments or special tablet containers (e.g. Nicorandil 10mg twice a day, it is acceptable to make a supply of 30 tablets.)*

NHS England has shared the list of current providers of the Emergency Supply service with the sexual health clinics so that they can signpost patients for this service if required.

### **Point of Sale**

In December last year, your pharmacy should have received a window sticker and a poster to advertise the Emergency Contraception service in your pharmacy. Please let me know if you need any additional copies sending.

### **Key Contact**

Please get in touch if you have any questions or concerns:

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