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Dear colleagues

**Re: New Patient Group Directions (PGDs) for the Pharmacy First PGD Service**

A full review of the PGDs for the Pharmacy First PGD service which includes the treatment of impetigo and simple urinary tract infections has now taken place, and these will need to be used from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2018.

The most significant change is the addition of a PGD for fusidic acid cream to treat localised impetigo lesions, and the recommendation is to use this as first line treatment.

The PharmOutcomes modules have been updated to reflect the changes, and the new modules will go live on 1<sup>st</sup> August. We have come across some issues recently regarding the quantities that contractors are inputting when supplying products as part of this service. Please remember that quantities are in individual units, so if supplying a single 15g tube for example, the quantity to enter is 15 not 1.

All pharmacists providing these services will need to read and individually sign the relevant PGDs as a legal requirement, and copies will need to be retained in branch where the service is provided from. Locum and relief pharmacists are required to have signed copies of the PGDs with them when providing the service in branches that have been commissioned to do so. **There is no requirement to send signed copies of the PGDs to NHS England.**

Please note that the PGDs are specific for each county, so if you are working across both Staffordshire and Shropshire you will need to sign both sets of PGDs as there are some clinical differences particularly in relation to durations of treatment.

If you have any queries regarding the new PGDs, please contact me via the email address provided above.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'A. Pickard'.

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