

Pharmacy First Service for Emergency Hormonal Contraception (EHC)

The next service to be launched as part of the Pharmacy First Service will be Emergency Hormonal Contraception (EHC).

Key considerations:

Resources to support service delivery are available on the [Primary Care Intranet](#). These include a recording of the ECHO training which was delivered live on 21st February 2022. This training **must** be viewed by every pharmacist providing the service before service delivery begins. Pharmacists who attended the live training may wish to use this to refresh their learning.

There is also a 35 minute webinar recorded by Community Pharmacy Northern Ireland (CPNI) colleagues available at <https://youtu.be/YjfQK7cDbTQ> (click browse YouTube to begin the recording) and further training resources available on the [NICPLD](#) website.

The morning after pill
Emergency Hormonal Contraception

- ✓ **FREE** confidential and discreet service
- ✓ **FREE** supply of the morning after pill
- ✓ Available up to 120 hours after unprotected sex

I DON'T WANT TO GET PREGNANT

Launch Details

- The service will now launch **at the beginning of July 2022**.
- Correspondence will be issued shortly by the Strategic Planning and Performance Group (SPPG) which will include the service specification & guidance and the contract.
- Contractors should return a signed contract to their local primary care office only when they are ready to offer the service in line with the specification.
- A providers list will be circulated to GP practices, GP OOHs and Trust colleagues to enable referrals to participating pharmacies. This list will be refreshed again in September.



Contractors are asked to share details about all of the Pharmacy First Services and training with staff, pharmacists and locums to ensure all services can be offered during all of the pharmacy's opening hours. This is particularly important during the summer months when regular members of staff may be on leave.

Medicines Management Team contact details

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Pharmacy First Service for Everyday Health Conditions



The Pharmacy First Service for everyday health conditions (previously Minor Ailments [MA] service) was launched in March 2022. Promotional materials were distributed to community pharmacies and there was an associated campaign on social media platforms Twitter and Instagram. Pharmacies are asked to remove any old MA promotional materials, posters and flyers from the pharmacy and replace with the new materials.

Notable changes:

- Resources available to support service delivery have been revised in line with the new branding
- There are individual algorithms for each of the thirteen existing conditions.
- The algorithm for **Oral Thrush** has been reviewed in line with recent advice regarding potential interactions with statins.
- The service specification has also been reviewed; in particular the section regarding the on-line process for ordering Pharmacy Vouchers.
- There has been no change to the operational arrangements of the service
- All resources are available on the [Primary Care Intranet \(PCI\)](#) via the pharmacy portal.

✓ Acne	✓ Mouth Ulcers
✓ Athlete's foot	✓ Oral Thrush
✓ Diarrhoea	✓ Scabies
✓ Ear Wax	✓ Threadworms
✓ Groin area infection	✓ Vaginal Thrush
✓ Haemorrhoids	✓ Verrucae
✓ Head lice	

Pharmacy First Service for the management of uncomplicated Urinary Tract Infections (UTI) in women aged 16-64 years

- The [pilot UTI service](#) first launched in July 2021 and has been offered from sixty-two pilot sites.
- The pilot has been extended until the September 2022 when it is anticipated, following positive evaluation, that roll-out of the service across the entire community pharmacy network will begin.
- There will be an ECHO training event organised by the Strategic Planning and Performance Group (SPPG) ahead of anticipated roll-out.
- Pharmacists wishing to register with ECHO can do so using the link <https://tinyurl.com/C19CommPharmacyECHO>.
- There is a short video available [here](#) to assist with registration. Any problems please contact Elaine Kane at e.kane@hospiceuk.org Tel: 028 9558 2393.