

To: All Community Pharmacists in the  
Northern LCG area, participating in the  
Emergency Supply Service Pilot

**VIA EMAIL ONLY**

15<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Dear Colleague,

### **Cessation of Community Pharmacy Emergency Supply Pilot Service**

Despite the best efforts of the HSCB to extend this important pilot service while the implementation of a NI-wide service is taken forward, a large number of pharmacies have not agreed to the proposed extension. Therefore, it is with regret that the Emergency Supply Pilot Service will be stood down from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

The HSCB has completed an evaluation of the pilot service, which recommended the roll out of the service from all eligible community pharmacies across Northern Ireland. The HSCB is still supportive of roll-out of this service and will continue to work with CPNI to address the implementation issues identified in the evaluation, in order to ensure that the service meets its objectives as safely and efficiently as possible.

Despite not being able to maintain the current pilot service, you will be aware that The Human Medicines Regulations (HMR) 2012 <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2012/1916/regulation/225/made> enables pharmacists to make emergency supplies of prescription only medicines (POMs) to patients without a prescription. However, pharmacists should not request prescriptions retrospectively from a patient's GP practice to "cover" the supply; this is deemed a private supply outside of HSC provision. It will be for the pharmacy to decide whether/what level of charge to levy for this transaction.

Dalriada Urgent Care and GP practices have been informed that the service will cease. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your participation in this pilot and contribution to the evaluation. If you

require any further information please contact [sinead.mcelroy@hscni.net](mailto:sinead.mcelroy@hscni.net)  
or telephone on 028 9536 1014.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Brogan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr Joe Brogan  
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Cc Gerard Greene, CPNI