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By email to:
All Community Pharmacy Contractors
(to be shared with all community pharmacists and locums)

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Dear Colleague

PHARMACY FIRST SERVICE for uncomplicated lower Urinary Tract Infections (UTIs) in women aged 16 to 64 years

I am pleased to confirm that funding has been secured to enable the roll-out of a regional Pharmacy First Service for the management of uncomplicated UTI in women aged 16-64 years. The service will be offered by contracted community pharmacies from November 2023 until the end of March 2024 in the first instance.

Background

The service will facilitate the assessment and treatment of eligible women aged 16-64 years presenting with symptoms of UTI in the community pharmacy in line the [NI Management of Infection guidelines](#) and [Public Health England UTI Diagnostic Quick reference tool](#).

Remuneration

The fees payable to pharmacy contractors for this service are:

- One off service set-up payment of £200 per pharmacy contractor for new providers
- A consultation fee of £30 per consultation (which includes the cost of consumables such as test strips and sample bottles)
- The cost of medicines supplied as part of the consultation will be reimbursed on submission to BSO of the prescriptions or pharmacy vouchers.

Training

SPPG will provide live training at an ECHO session on **Tuesday 7th November 2023 at 7.30pm.**

Zoom Meeting ID: 646 666 5569

Passcode : 109827

Zoom Link:

<https://echo.zoom.us/j/6466665569?pwd=sp7r67viKhvOdbDM2xRHebe7mMWOHw.1>

This will be recorded and available on the ECHO Moodle site for those unable to attend the live session. Pharmacists must be registered with ECHO to view these recordings. The link to registration is <https://tinyurl.com/C19CommPharmacyECHO>. There is also a short video available [here](#) to assist with registration. Any problems please contact Elaine Kane at e.kane@hospiceuk.org Tel: 028 95582393.

Resources to support service delivery

The pharmacy contractor is responsible for ensuring that the service is delivered in line with the service specification and guidance by suitably trained pharmacists. Resources available on the [BSO](#) website include:

- Service Specification and Guidance
- PGDs for Nitrofurantoin and Trimethoprim
- Consultation form
- Claim form
- NPA template SOP
- Training presentation and service flowchart for GP practices

Promotion of the service

Pharmacies may wish to promote the service on social media using the Twitter and Instagram resources available on the [BSO](#) website.

Contract

Community pharmacy contractors meeting the service specification are eligible to offer the service provided they hold a contract with the SPPG. A copy of the contract document can be found in Appendix 2. Pharmacy contractors should complete the electronic form at the link below by **Friday 10th November** to notify SPPG of your intention to provide the service. There is **no** requirement to return a signed copy of the contract document to SPPG.

<https://forms.office.com/e/weiaxPk4BT>

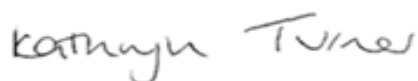
After this date the list of providers, based on the returns received via the electronic form, will be shared with GP practices and GP OOH medical services to enable referrals to participating pharmacies.

Pilot pharmacies

Pharmacists who have been providing the pilot service should familiarise themselves with the revised service specification and guidance. A new contract to provide this service will be required.

If you have any queries please contact your local pharmacy adviser.

Yours sincerely,



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