

## UPDATE: Hertfordshire Public Health Contract Patient Group Directions

The table below shows the versions and status of PGDs currently in use for pharmacies commissioned by Public Health to deliver sexual health and / or stop smoking services.

Commissioned Public Health Service	PGD	Version	Status
Stop Smoking Service	Varenicline	**HCC202012 (Version1.1)	Current - continue to use
Stop Smoking Service	Varenicline	HCC202012 (Version1.1a)	Current - continue to use
Sexual Health Service	Levonorgestrel	**HCC202010 (Version 1.0)	Current - continue to use
Sexual Health Service	Levonorgestrel	HCC202010 (Version 1.0a)	Current - continue to use
Sexual Health Service	Ulipristal	**HCC202010 (Version 1.0)	Current - continue to use
Sexual Health Service	Ulipristal	HCC202010 (Version 1.0a)	Current - continue to use
Sexual Health Service	Doxycycline	HCC202010 (Version 1.0)	Requires update – do not issue Doxycycline under the PGD
Sexual Health Service	Azithromycin	HCC202010 (Version 1.0)	Requires update – do not issue Azithromycin under the PGD

### Varenicline, Levonorgestrel and Ulipristal

- **Varenicline HCC202012 - Version1.1a**
- **Levonorgestrel HCC202010 – Version 1.0a**
- **Ulipristal HCC202010 – Version 1.0a**

Public Health have recently reviewed how PGDs are authorised to streamline the process. Pharmacists working under the PGDs listed above no longer require to have the PGDs signed off by Public Health.

Where a pharmacist meets the eligibility criteria to work under the PGD, the pharmacy can assign a senior person with authority to sign as authorising manager.

Each individual pharmacist operating under the PGD still needs to sign the declaration in the relevant appendix.

There is no need to return signed sheets to Public Health.

Each individual pharmacist should have their own signed copy as well as copies of the signed sheets held in the branch. These need to be readily available on request.

***\*\*If a pharmacist has these PGDs signed via DocuSign by themselves and Public Health, they can continue to use the version they have.*** The only difference between more recent versions is the sign-off procedure.

### Doxycycline and Azithromycin

- **Doxycycline HCC202010 - Version 1.0**
- **Azithromycin HCC202010 - Version 1.0**

Due to changes in clinical guidelines, the above PGDs need to be amended. In line with national guidelines a working group will be established to oversee this process. Whilst this is ongoing, Sexual Health Hertfordshire are not referring patients to pharmacists for chlamydia treatment.

There should be no situation in which chlamydia treatment under the above PGDs is issued. Until further notice, pharmacists shouldn't issue doxycycline or azithromycin under a PGD.

Attachments:

- Varenicline HCC202012 - Version1.1a
- Levonorgestrel HCC202010 – Version 1.0a
- Ulipristal HCC202010 – Version 1.0a

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