



Date: As per email.

Dear Pharmacy Colleague,

You may remember me writing to you in August to let you know that we were launching a new Emergency Contraception Scheme for Pharmacy delivery, in relation to the awarded Integrated Sexual Health Service Contract in July 2020. Part of this contract included engaging with our local pharmacy providers to deliver an Emergency Contraception Service to females under the age of 25, who live in the Barnsley district. Unfortunately, we have had several technical and contractual delays, which has resulted in a gap in provision.

We have been working hard with your representative Thomas Bissett to produce a scheme which meets your needs and the needs of your local community. The new scheme does have some changes for those of you who are familiar with the old schemes. The main change being the addition of Ulipristal as part of the emergency contraception method offer. Many of you will be familiar with other features as they are part of existing Spectrum commissioned scheme, which will be on-going, such as the use of Levonorgestral, via Patient Group Direction and referral in to Integrated Sexual Health Services to meet on-going sexual health needs. We have also procured our own PharmaOutcomes module to make things easier for you when engaging with this scheme.

I appreciate that now you have other priorities such as flu vaccines and a resurgence of C19, but I would really encourage you to join the scheme; reducing unwanted pregnancy is a key health outcome in Barnsley and is a long term scheme over the term of the overarching contract and as such the contract of supply will stand until such time it is terminated, by either party or the termination of the over-arching contract by BMBC.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Belinda Loftus".

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