




Service Level Agreement for Pharmacy Opioid Substitution Service (OST) Support Service (including Supervised Consumption arrangements)

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Introduction

This document outlines the requirements for providing an OST support service (including supervised consumption) for managing substance misuse in the community pharmacy setting ('the Service') by a community pharmacy ('the Pharmacy').

Supervised consumption aids adherence and can be helpful to reduce the risk of diversion and safeguarding issues. Additionally, more frequent contact can enable development of a therapeutic relationship and provides additional opportunities for providing timely and supportive advice, escalation of concerns and monitoring of the service user prescribed OST. It is important that supervised consumption is considered for all new prescriptions and that the dispensing arrangements are liberalised as soon as it is safe and clinically appropriate to do so; however, it may be reinstated when required to manage risks accordingly. Community pharmacies are ideally placed to provide supervised consumption and support services for service users prescribed OST within an agreed and structured protocol.

The main aims of this support service are:

- ✓ Deliver a service using a user-friendly, non-judgemental, person-centred, and confidential approach
- ✓ To provide supervised consumption where required
- ✓ To provide service users with regular contact with healthcare professionals and help them to access further advice and assistance when required
- ✓ To support the integration of community/pharmacy care provision with specialist substance misuse services
- ✓ To support service users' personal recovery journey in the community to achieve a healthy life
- ✓ To support evidence-based harm reduction interventions



- ✓ To reduce the risk of diversion of prescribed medicine through the provision of a supervised consumption arrangement

1. Governance

- 1.1 This document supersedes all previous working agreements.
- 1.2 The Pharmacy must adhere to relevant legislative requirements, best practice guidance and the standards set, for example by the General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC) and Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS), including '[Standards for registered pharmacies \(2018\)](#)' and '[Drug Misuse and Dependence UK Guidelines on Clinical Management \(2017\)](#)' published by the Department of Health.
- 1.3 Humankind and the Pharmacy will fully adhere to their respective obligations set out in this document and ensure a consistent high-quality service is delivered that is safe, effective, person-centred and fair.
- 1.4 Both Parties agree to share relevant information regarding substance misuse data to allow safe and high-quality Service provision/improvements and in line with the local PharmOutcomes licence agreement which detail data controller/processing/ sharing details.
- 1.5 Each party shall comply with its respective obligations pursuant to applicable data protection laws and/or regulations in relation to the processing of personal and/or special category data under this agreement, including but not limited to the General Data Protection Regulations and the Data Protection Act 2018.
- 1.6 The Pharmacy will demonstrate relevant Quality Standards to Humankind or will work towards achieving such a standard within an agreed timescale. The Quality Standards are specified in [Appendix B - Pharmacy Quality Standards for Supervised Consumption Quality Assurance Visits](#). If the Pharmacy remains in default following the expiry of the period specified, Humankind may proceed to terminate the Agreement (as outlined in [Section 2](#)).
- 1.7 The Pharmacy will take part in reasonably requested audit activity (not greater than every 12 months unless service levels indicate a more frequent audit review activity is needed and agreed between Humankind and the contractor) including the facilitation of Quality Assurance visits, where Humankind staff will use [Appendix B - Pharmacy Quality Standards for Supervised Consumption Quality Assurance Visits](#).
- 1.8 Should the Pharmacy not work in line with the agreed standards, Humankind shall immediately investigate and may review payment (as outlined in [Section 2](#)) and in the case of suspension or variation, report to the Pharmacy every 30 days until such investigation is complete. When the investigation is complete, Humankind shall immediately notify the Pharmacy of the outcome.
- 1.9 Any incidents or concerns must be reported immediately and appropriately actioned in accordance with respective organisations incident reporting processes.
- 1.10 Issues pertaining to concerns, incidents, indemnity, performance, disputes, confidentiality, and data handling, must be promptly reported to Humankind within one working day, or as soon as the Pharmacy becomes aware.
- 1.11 The Pharmacy must demonstrate they have appropriate insurance in place to be able to offer the Service and must ensure that Humankind is indemnified against any claim arising from the provision of the Service, and in the case of negligence of the Pharmacy: this liability may not be transferred.
- 1.12 The health and safety of Pharmacy staff (and any associated indemnity issues), remain the responsibility of the Pharmacy.
- 1.13 Any dispute, which cannot be resolved by negotiation, shall be referred to a nominated arbitrator for example the Local Authority Commissioner for Substance misuse Services or Chair of the Local Law Society.

2. Funding, Notices and Termination

- 2.1 Payment for this scheme is to be agreed between Humankind (local operational contract management supported by Director of Pharmacy) and relevant Local Pharmaceutical Committee(s) (CPS) to represent the Pharmacy.
- 2.2 Claims for payment will be via the PharmOutcomes platform.
- 2.3 The agreed fee to be paid per supervised dose ('per swallow') is as follows:
 - Methadone liquid (all brands): **£1.00**
 - Espranor® oral lyophilisate: **£2.50**
 - Buprenorphine sub-lingual tablet (all brands): **£2.50**

- Service user management fee: **£20.00 per service user per month that the patient receives at least one supervised consumption and/or take-home dose in that month**
- 2.4 This payment covers:
- Pharmacy staff time and associated costs for OST supervised consumption activity
 - Holistic care service for the individual prescribed OST including:
 - Encouraging compliance with the treatment programme
 - Working in collaboration with the commissioned prescribing adult substance misuse service
 - Be willing to participate in the condom distribution scheme provided by Sexual Health Sheffield
 - Provide on-going support and monitoring of all OST patients, regardless of supervision, and report any concerns to the prescriber
 - Where necessary the pharmacy will contribute to Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) discussions about a patient with the prescribing service and other services as indicated, particularly to support patients experiencing homelessness, health issues, those who require wound care or have no access to a phone with the patients consent.
 - Reporting any safeguarding concerns in line with local procedures and governance.
 - Provide prescription support to OST patients collecting prescriptions for OST and other conditions where required. For example, chasing up missing prescriptions with the prescriber on behalf of the service user. This is where a pharmacy is helping a service user manage issues with prescriptions for other conditions they may have. If a patient presents to the pharmacy asking for a prescription that the pharmacy hasn't received the patient will be asked to follow this up with the practice/prescriber themselves - this can often be difficult for this patient/service user group and so some pharmacies help patients by contacting practices and chasing up issues on the patient's behalf.
 - Where the pharmacy team has been provided with the information, remind service users when they are due to attend an appointment with the commissioned adult substance misuse treatment provider where procedures are in place for the pharmacies to attach a note of their next appointment details to the prescription.
 - Administration of flu vaccination dependent on availability, trained vaccinators and if the pharmacy undertakes the advanced service offer to administer flu vaccinations to consenting/eligible OST patients as part of annual national program and any future national vaccination roll out where appropriate (for example, Covid-19).
 - Distribute health promotion material relevant to Service users prescribed OST.
 - Record keeping activities to include PharmOutcomes data entries
 - Issuing service users ad hoc (usually in exceptional circumstances) with locked boxes which will be supplied to the Pharmacy via Humankind
 - Communication with Humankind/relevant others relating to this Service
 - Active participation in Quality Assurance visits and achieving required Quality Standards.
- 2.5 The Service as outlined is VAT exempt, and both Parties are aware of this exemption. However, if in the future the VAT status was to change then an opportunity to renegotiate the terms of the Agreement would be made available.
- 2.6 The Pharmacy accepts that Humankind is unable to guarantee future funding and may, owing to budgetary considerations be obliged to reduce funding by the giving of not less than 60 days' notice. Such reductions shall be timed to cause least disruption for service users. If Humankind invokes this clause to reduce payment, then the Pharmacy shall be entitled to cease providing the Service at the end of this notice period without incurring a penalty.
- 2.7 To enable payment, the contractor must complete the relevant PharmOutcomes supervised consumption sign up module. The Pharmacy Contractor is responsible for subsequently ensuring that Humankind are provided with the correct Pharmacy bank details to complete the enrolment process.
- 2.8 Humankind will make best endeavours to pay the Pharmacy within 30 days in arrears upon receipt of an invoice received via PharmOutcomes.
- 2.9 No payment will be made if the invoice covers activity that was undertaken more than 3 months prior to the date of the invoice being submitted.
- 2.10 Humankind will examine the data submitted and may seek to verify the fees claimed.
- 2.11 Payments will only be made where Humankind is satisfied that the Service has been provided in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Humankind shall be entitled to suspend payment and/or vary the amount of the payment if it considers the Pharmacy has committed a serious breach of the



- Agreement and shall forthwith notify the Pharmacy in writing accordingly. Once all relevant investigations are complete and if deemed appropriate, within 30 days Humankind will pay any sums to the Pharmacy that were suspended or varied.
- 2.12 Humankind may from time to time, require reasonable changes to the terms of this Agreement, and where reasonably practicable, up to 14 days' notice will be given. The Pharmacy shall use its reasonable endeavours to implement this change on the understanding that such change will not materially affect the nature of the Service or the Pharmacy's ability to provide the Service.
 - 2.13 The Service and payment may be varied or discontinued if CPS and Humankind agree, or a change in Humankind service priorities is required either by changes in legislation or by other circumstances, including the cessation or reduction of the budget. Humankind also has the option to terminate funding should the Pharmacy enter receivership or become insolvent.
 - 2.14 The Service must be offered every day that the Pharmacy is open (core and supplementary hours). If the Pharmacy put in an application to reduce their opening days or times, then Humankind must be informed at the time of application.
 - 2.15 Where a Pharmacy is forced to close during normal opening hours, the commissioned drug and alcohol service must be notified as soon as possible and will co-ordinate with participating services appropriate continuity arrangements.
 - 2.16 Provision of this service will require pharmacy contractors to undertake work with vulnerable adults and the dispensing of controlled drugs. Pharmacies should ensure that the service is provided safely and in line with all regulatory standards issued by the General Pharmaceutical Council including 'Standards for pharmacy owners and superintendent pharmacists of retail pharmacy businesses.
 - 2.17 Notices for termination of this agreement must be given in writing and by NHS email (with acknowledged receipt) or recorded delivery post to the details provided for that purpose. A notice given by post will be deemed to have been served the first working day after it was posted.
 - 2.18 This Agreement will be reviewed and subject to agreement, renewed on an annual basis. However, it may be ended earlier, either on dissolution of the Pharmacy or where at least 60 days' notice is given by either Party of their intention to terminate the Agreement.
 - 2.19 Nothing in this Agreement confers or purports to confer on any third party any benefit or any right to enforce any term of this Agreement.

3. Competency and Training

- 3.1 This Service may only be undertaken by competent Pharmacy staff who must be under the supervision of the Responsible Pharmacist registered with the GPhC.
- 3.2 It is the responsibility of the pharmacy contractor to ensure all pharmacy staff including pharmacy technicians and pharmacists are appropriately trained and competent to provide the service and dispense OST as outlined in this specification. Humankind will support this through at least one annual training session which pharmacy will be invited too and training programmes are also available through the College of Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE). While it is not mandatory, we would encourage pharmacy staff to engage with these programmes.
- 3.3 Pharmacy staff should also be encouraged to engage in the following training:
 - i. Domestic abuse
 - ii. Dignity and respect and
 - iii. Harm reduction (this will be covered within the CPPE and local Humankind training events)
- 3.4 Training will also be provided to pharmacies within this contract period on the safe use of managing an opioid overdose including the administration of nasal naloxone. Community Pharmacies engaging with this training will be provided with nasal naloxone also. The training programme will be delivered online.
- 3.5 Contractors will be invited to attend one meeting per year with the Humankind to promote Service development and update the knowledge of pharmacy staff. This includes an awareness raising session about the drug and alcohol treatment and support services available locally and an opportunity to raise questions and/or concerns about practice. Attendance is *not mandatory* but Humankind would encourage engagement from Contractors to support both Service development and as a CPD update for pharmacy staff. This could be either a face-to-face and/or online session which will be agreed with CPS prior to the event.

4. Supervised Consumption Process

- 4.1 To be eligible for a supervised consumption payment, the service user must meet all the following **essential criteria**:
- Be prescribed medication for management of their substance misuse by the relevant Humankind service (or sub-contractor).
 - Reside/works within a geographical area that the Pharmacy reasonably covers.
 - Require supervised consumption due to safeguarding/clinical risk issues.
- 4.2 The Pharmacy chosen to provide the Service must be determined by service user choice except in exceptional circumstances (e.g., where the Pharmacy is not open on days when supervised consumption would be required, if the Service cannot be provided by the Pharmacy or the service user has been banned from their chosen Pharmacy premises). The Pharmacy must make all reasonable efforts to accommodate all requests and may only refuse to accept the service user on professional grounds (e.g., at capacity, currently banned from the premises for aggressive behaviours), and the provided rationale must be clearly documented in the service users' clinical records. Humankind staff will support service users in finding a suitable pharmacy as part of this process.
- 4.3 In advance of the Service taking place, Humankind staff **must** contact the Pharmacy to confirm agreement of providing the Service for a named service user, and once agreed to, appropriate risk information and a completed [Appendix C - Prescribed Treatment Agreement](#), may* be completed and shared with the Pharmacy prior to the Service commencing (***Prescribed Treatment Agreements are not mandatory within Humankind but may be used to support some service users and pharmacies. For example, where the service user has no ID and/or service user behaviour supports a formal agreement arrangement between the service user, pharmacy, and Humankind**)
- 4.4 Once the Pharmacy complete their relevant sections of [Appendix C - Prescribed Treatment Agreement](#), when issued (including agreeing with the service user the most suitable time for providing the Service), a copy should be provided to the service user and another copy returned to the relevant Humankind service.
- 4.5 To ensure continuation of service delivery, supervised consumption for prison releases which cover the high-risk immediate post-release period (usually up to two weeks), to allow time for the transfer of care to move to the local Humankind service, will be covered under the terms of this Agreement, even though the prescription has been written by the prison clinician.
- 4.6 Any relevant changes in the service user's circumstances, including amended risk status, must be promptly communicated between Parties.
- 4.7 Requests to discuss any clinical issues or queries, from both a Humankind and contractor perspective, should be appropriately responded to and ideally within the same working day.
- 4.8 So that Humankind staff can assertively seek to engage/welfare check on the service user, Humankind **must** be notified immediately if:
- Two consecutive doses or a titration dose is missed.
 - Four or more doses are missed non-consecutively on one prescription and/or there is a pattern of missed doses e.g., every Monday dose missed
 - There are any concerns about the dose/medication prescribed.
 - A dispensing error/near miss has occurred.
 - There are concerns about diversion/safeguarding/risk issues
 - The dose cannot be given due to intoxication.
 - There are concerns about physical/health care needs.
 - The service user behaves unacceptably (e.g., shoplifting, physical/verbal abuse)
 - The service user does not consume the whole dose.
 - The Pharmacy unexpectedly must close (e.g., no Pharmacist on premises due to sickness)
- 4.9 Due to risk of accidental overdose because of reduced tolerance, if three or more consecutive/any titration doses have been missed, the Pharmacy **must not** supply further doses until an appropriate prescriber has confirmed suitability of the dose.
- 4.10 The '*Reporting Issues*' module on PharmOutcomes may be used for sending information to the service where a response is not required. It must not be used to replace direct verbal communication where there are notable safety concerns e.g., where three or more consecutive/titration doses are missed.

- 4.11 Locum Pharmacy staff must be made aware of this Service and the procedures in advance of them providing locum cover, as the presence of a locum is not a valid reason for the Service not to be appropriately implemented.
- 4.12 It is essential that communication channels (e.g., via PharmOutcomes/NHS emails) are regularly checked and promptly actioned, otherwise the safety/quality of Service provision may be impacted and payment to the Pharmacy may be impacted (as outlined in [Section 2](#)).
- 4.13 The dispensing and supervised consumption of the medication will be undertaken in accordance with the Pharmacy's internal Standard Operating Procedures providing it is not contrary to the contents of this Agreement and as outlined in [Appendix A – Pharmacy Guidance for Supervised Consumption](#).
- 4.14 If a pharmacist is not available in the pharmacy for the dose to be administered, then the pharmacy should liaise with Humankind as early as possible in line with the locally agreed contingency management plan so alternative arrangements for dispensing can be made

5. Communication with other professionals

- 5.1 It is good practice that pharmacists share relevant information with prescribers and other healthcare professionals and agencies in line with their professional duties of care and confidentiality. This is part of the two-way process of communications that also includes prescribers providing relevant information or raising concerns with the pharmacist whenever appropriate. This includes, but is not limited to, when:
 - A service user fails to collect a dose for two consecutive days. The pharmacist will inform the prescribing service by telephone, using a dedicated number to allow the service the opportunity to contact the service user and remind them that if they miss a third dose, they may have to return to the clinic to be re-assessed.
 - The pharmacist is aware that service users are failing to comply with their treatment, for example, when patients are missing scheduled pick-ups, and particularly with any significant change of behaviour pattern.
 - There are concerns about a service user's health or wellbeing, for example if a service user's mental/physical health or appearance seems to be deteriorating or changing rapidly.
 - The service user has attended the pharmacy in a state of intoxication.
 - The prescriber is considering changing frequency of supervision or dispensing, at which time clinical feedback from the pharmacist may be helpful to inform the prescribing decision.
 - Prescription is noticed to be lost or missing.
 - There are concerns associated with over the counter (OTC) repeat purchasing or refusals to sell an opioid containing medication, for example if a patient is repeatedly requesting opioid containing OTC products. For example: codeine containing products. Pharmacy may inform the prescriber via PharmOutcomes may be the best type of communication method.
 - There are social care or safeguarding concerns relating to a service user or child.
 - Whenever a concern is raised for any OST service user, a message should be created on PharmOutcomes via the Prescriber Contact Form, to the drug treatment team responsible for the patient's care (examples of concerns that may be communicated are listed above). All concerns should be raised to the prescriber and by making a record in the patient's Patient Medication Record (PMR) and on PharmOutcomes. Urgent concerns must be raised promptly to the prescriber via telephone using the Single Point of Contact (SPOC) line where access and availability allows this.
 - In cases where a service user has failed to collect their prescription for two consecutive days, the dispensing pharmacy will contact the prescriber to alert them via telephone using the SPOC line. After three consecutive missed doses the pharmacy will withhold any further doses until the prescriber has reassessed the service user's wellbeing and further communication has taken place.
- 5.2. Pharmacies must co-operate with multi-agency arrangements for risk assessment, public protection (MAPPA/MARAC) and safeguarding children (MAPLAG) and must have appropriate information sharing arrangements in place.





Appendix A - Pharmacy Guidance for Supervised Consumption

Supervised consumption must be completed in a location that considers the service users' privacy/dignity and Pharmacy staff/service user safety (this should usually be in the consultation room/area designated for delivering professional services): it must never be provided in the Dispensary. The Pharmacy must have sufficient staffing levels to ensure safe and effective service provision. The Pharmacy staff delivering the Service must not lone work i.e., 2 or more staff should be present in the pharmacy.

Prior to providing the service user with the prescribed medication, the Pharmacy staff member responsible for supervising consumption must:

- Check the service user identity against their [Appendix C - Prescribed Treatment Agreement](#) (where applicable).
- Assess suitability of administering dose prior to supplying the person with the medication (e.g. checking for intoxication, potential drug interactions, missed doses, inappropriate behaviours, co-presenting physical/mental health issues which may be of concern).
- Show the service user the medication in order to confirm the details (including the dose) to verify that it is what they are expecting.

If the service user is intoxicated, this must be documented on their pharmacy record system (Patient Medication Record). Humankind must be informed, and the service user should be asked to return later that day to be reassessed for suitability. The time taken to overdose can vary from a few minutes to several hours and may be fatal; however, withdrawal symptoms may take a several hours/days to emerge and can be very uncomfortable, depending on what has been taken and how much has been used. Signs and symptoms of an opioid overdose/intoxication and withdrawal include:

Intoxication	Withdrawal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pinpoint/constricted pupils • Nausea/vomiting/constipation • Pale skin colour, bluish tinge to lips, tip of nose, under the eyes, fingertips or nails • Low blood pressure/pulse (hypotension/bradycardia) • Sedation which may be worsening to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No response to noise (they don't respond to shouting) ○ No response to touch (they don't respond to being shaken by the shoulders) ○ Loss of consciousness (they cannot be woken) ○ Breathing problem (slow/shallow/infrequent breaths, snoring/rasping sounds or no breathing) <p>Video to learn more: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uYz-scWacng</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dilated Pupils • Nausea/vomiting/diarrhoea • Gooseflesh skin (piloerection) • Agitation/restlessness/anxiety/irritability • Raised blood pressure/pulse (hypertension/tachycardia) • Sweating/flushing/chills • Bone/joint aches/pains • Runny nose, tearing, yawning • Tremor

If the service user is being given their first dose of buprenorphine, it is important to check that a suitable amount of time has passed since they had their last dose of any opioid agonist (e.g., methadone, heroin) to minimise the risk of precipitating withdrawal.

Liquids: must be swallowed directly from the dispensing container. The service user should be offered a drink of water immediately after consuming and engaged in conversation to help ensure that the medication has been swallowed.

Solid dose formulations to be swallowed: must be placed into a disposable pot and then handed to the service user for them to administer. The service user should be offered a drink of water immediately before and after consuming. They should be engaged in conversation and the mouth checked after swallowing, to help ensure that the medication has been swallowed.

Lyophilisates/sublingual tablets: must be placed into a disposable pot and then handed to the service user for them to administer. Inform the service user to avoid swallowing whilst the medication is dissolving. The service user should be offered a drink of water immediately before the dose is consumed. They should be observed as having the medication correctly in situ prior to/during the dissolution process (e.g., Espranor® dissolved on the tongue and hands must be dry before handling the lyophilisate). Excess saliva should be kept in the mouth and not swallowed for as long as possible. Different lyophilisates/sublingual tablet brands may have differing dissolution rates.

Water from the Pharmacy must be used for supervised consumption: the service users' own drink must not be used because of the increased risk of diversion. Any concerns (e.g., potential diversion, part-consumed doses, challenging behaviours) that occur during the supervised consumption process must be promptly recorded on the service user's notes, made known to the responsible pharmacist and communicated to Humankind. Labels should be removed from



the dispensing bottle following the administration and destroyed confidentially. After washing out the dispensing bottle can be disposed of in normal waste.

If take home doses are provided, it is important to confirm that the service user has appropriate safe storage measures in place (including storing out of sight/reach of children/vulnerable adults).



Appendix B –

Pharmacy Quality Standards for Supervised Consumption Quality Assurance Visits

Pharmacy Site		Date of Visit	
Responsible Pharmacist		Visit Completed by	

	Quality Standard	√=meets expected standard. No action required X=Doesn't meet expected standard. Add details of all agreed actions
Quality Assurance Off-site checks	Signed current SLA available in Humankind centrally held records	
	Attendance by at least one Pharmacy staff member at a Humankind training event in the last year	
	Last 6 months of PharmOutcomes data suggest timely submissions	
Quality Assurance On-site Pharmacy checks	Pharmacy can evidence having in place: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signed current SLA available in Pharmacy. Correct insurance Prescribed Treatment Agreement fully completed for service users (where issued) Appropriate infection control measures (e.g., use of disposable cups) Suitable confidentiality/data protection methods (e.g., labels removed and placed in confidential waste) Pharmacy SOP for supervised consumption read and signed off by all relevant Pharmacy staff 	
	Observation during visit and feedback from service user(s) indicates service user treated with dignity and respect	
	Pharmacy staff either observed or can verbally outline how to correctly: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess service user appropriately prior to handing over of medication. Verify service user identity correctly (including using Prescribed Treatment Agreement, where this has been issued, and as detailed in local Pharmacy SOP) Follow best practice when carrying out supervision (as detailed in SLA and local Pharmacy SOP) Respond to incidents/concerns including safeguarding issues. Signpost to relevant local specialist services (e.g., Humankind, Housing, Mental Health) Provide written information about medication in service-user accessible format (via C&M website - https://www.choiceandmedication.org/humankind/) Provide safe storage advice including written information in service-user accessible format (via C&M website) and locked boxes. Respond to a service user who presents as intoxicated. Provide brief harm reduction advice including signposting to Humankind for supply of Take-Home Naloxone (where this is not available through a Community Pharmacy THN service) and nasal naloxone readily available at the pharmacy and at least one member of staff trained how to administer nasal naloxone 	
	Any additional comments (e.g. feedback about how to further improve current Service, learning from incidents yet to be implemented)	



Appendix C - Prescribed Treatment Agreement

The purpose of this agreement is to enable the safe and effective use of medication to support the service user in their recovery journey. *The service user’s photograph and personal information contained within this agreement will always be used for the sole purpose of identifying the service user during their prescribed treatment and stored securely. It will not be issued to or viewed by any individuals or agencies outside this agreement without prior consent.*

Service user: Name Address Date of Birth Contact Number		Service user Photograph
Humankind: Staff Name Address Contact Number		
Pharmacy: Name Address Contact Number		
GP: Name Address Contact Number		

The service user **DOES** / **DOES NOT** consent to their photograph being taken by Humankind, stored by the Pharmacy and Humankind and used for the sole purpose of identification during prescribed treatment. *If they DO NOT consent to this, then they agree to have their identity confirmed by:*

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It is important that appropriate information is provided about medication in a format that meets the service users’ needs, so that they know about the different types of prescribed treatment options and enable them to make an informed decision. Information is available online from: www.choiceandmedication.org/Humankind

The service user has been offered written information about their medication, which has been:

ACCEPTED **DECLINED**

The service user has been made aware of the risks of medication/illicit substances/paraphernalia being accessed by others, especially children. They have been offered a [written information leaflet about safe storage](#) and a lockable safe storage box, which they have **ACCEPTED** / **REFUSED** *If they have declined the offer, this is because:*

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Mutually convenient times for collection/delivery of medication have been agreed as follows:

Mon	From:	To:
Tues	From:	To:
Weds	From:	To:
Thurs	From:	To:
Fri	From:	To:
Sat	From:	To:
Sun	From:	To:

(to be completed by the pharmacy)

As the providers of prescribed treatment, the Pharmacy and Humankind, will:

- Always treat the service user with respect, courtesy, understanding, kindness, compassion and honesty and not judge if they stumble or lapse in their recovery.
- Fully support the service user with their recovery programme and the decisions made regarding medication in a way that helps to keep them safe and well.
- Keep the service user fully informed of their treatment options and provide information about medication, potential benefits and risks (including monitoring requirements and adverse effects of treatments) and respect that the service user has the right to decline or accept the treatment offered after being informed.
- Discuss and exchange information about the service user's behaviour, state of health, attendance and other factors relating to their treatment. They may also communicate with family, friends and other providers who may be involved in the service user's care (as agreed with the service user) to support their recovery.
- Inform the GP/other healthcare providers about prescribed medication, but will not share confidential information with others, unless concerned about service user safety and well-being and have no other options.
- Provide a service in an environment where the service user and staff feel safe and comfortable.
- Ensure that the consumption of medication is appropriately supervised.
- Avoid arranging appointments unless mutually agreed and notify the service user as soon as possible about any changes.
- Provide lockable boxes for safe storage of medication, particularly if the service user has children/vulnerable adult(s) living or regularly visiting their accommodation.
- Do all they can to ensure that any problems with prescriptions are corrected as soon as possible.
- Provide an easy and open complaints system and treat all complaints fairly.

The service user will:

- Let the treatment providers know about any changes in circumstances (e.g. new address/phone number).
- Let the treatment providers know what is wanted/needed (give at least 14 days' notice for any requests for changes to prescriptions e.g. holiday requests, do not assume that requests can always be granted).
- Not smoke or drink alcohol in the presence of staff.
- Not display or use, illicit drugs in the presence of staff.
- Act in an acceptable manner in the presence of staff: unacceptable behaviour includes being intoxicated, theft, verbal abuse or physical violence to staff or others.
- Unless otherwise agreed, be in attendance alone, within agreed times and at agreed intervals.
- Remove any hoods, hats or other items of clothing in order to assist staff with identification.
- Take medication as prescribed and not to share it with any other person.
- Drink water provided by the Pharmacy as requested during the supervised consumption process.
- Understand that any prescribed medication or prescriptions are their responsibility and may not be replaced (for example if they are lost, stolen or spilt).
- Understand that if more than 3 consecutive days doses are missed, or if attendance is irregular, medication may be withheld for safety reasons (due to loss of tolerance) and treatment services will need to be contacted before it can be resumed.
- Be patient if staff are delayed and understand that if there is a problem with the legality of a prescription, the pharmacist will not be able to dispense it.
- Understand that if doses are missed on a specified day, or if it cannot be given (for example due to intoxication), it cannot be collected on a later day.
- Store, transport and dispose of all medication, other substances, paraphernalia and keys to access safe storage facilities, safely and securely, including out of the sight and reach of children and vulnerable others.
- Inform if someone else takes their prescribed medication and tries to get the person immediate medical help if they are at risk of overdose (e.g. if accidentally taken by a child phone 999 immediately).
- Inform the DVLA about any prescribed medication.
- Not stock-pile medication and return any unused medication to the pharmacy for destruction.
- Not alter prescriptions in any way as this will be considered as fraud and will be reported to the police.
- Engage in psychosocial activities and drug testing as agreed in the recovery plan.



- Understand that if the above points are not adhered to then the prescription may be reviewed to ensure that it is being prescribed safely and effectively.

We, the undersigned, agree to the terms laid out in this agreement.

Service User Name		Signature		Date	__ / __ / __
Humankind Representative Name		Signature		Date	__ / __ / __
Pharmacy Representative Name		Signature		Date	__ / __ / __
GP Name (<i>for shared care ONLY</i>)		Signature		Date	__ / __ / __