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To: All Clinicians

Re: Self Prescribing by Medical and Non-Medical Independent Prescribers

I would like to bring to your attention the GMC Good Practice¹ Guidance relating to the self prescribing of medicines for either yourself or anyone with whom you have a close personal relationship. This is applicable to all clinicians in both primary and secondary care.

The professional bodies for Nurse & Midwife, Pharmacist, Physiotherapist and Podiatrist Independent Prescribers issue similar advice and All Wales Guidance reinforces this³.

Therefore, with immediate effect hospital pharmacy has been requested to ensure that no prescriptions are dispensed for self prescribing or family members.

Patients who are registered through the hospital will be prescribed for in the usual way. If a member of staff requires urgent treatment they should attend the Emergency Department.

Although clinicians can continue to prescribe on private prescriptions and submit them to the local community pharmacy for dispensing, staff should be aware that these prescriptions are monitored across the Health Board and the GMC guidance for self prescribing is still applicable

Yours Sincerely

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(A signed copy is kept on file)

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