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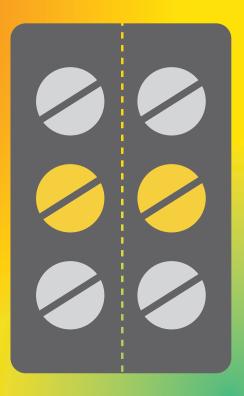
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Changes to repeat prescriptions from your GP practice



Understanding what this could mean for you

NHS Southport and Formby Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS South Sefton Clinical Commissioning Group working together for better health and care



What are repeat prescriptions?

A repeat prescription allows you to get your regular medication without having to see your

doctor each time.



What is changing?

From September 2016 pharmacies and dispensing companies will not be able to order medicines on your behalf. You will need to order your repeat prescription directly from your GP.

There are different ways to order:

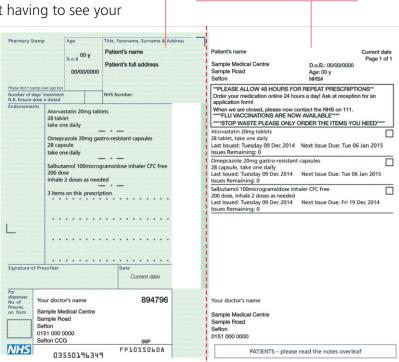
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- Handing in the white, tear off part of your repeat prescription to your surgery
- Letter
- Fax*



What is not changing?

If you already order repeat prescriptions directly from your GP surgery this change will not affect you.

Pharmacies that collect prescriptions from GP surgeries and pharmacies that deliver medications and other items to your door will continue to do so.



When is this happening?

To be retained by your pharmacy

To be completed by patient or carer

September 2016



What do I need to do?

As your GP practice will not accept repeat requests from pharmacies or dispensing companies from **September 2016** you will need to order your repeat prescriptions from your GP practice when you have 7 to 10 days of medicines left.

Remember your surgery needs 2–3 working days to issue a prescription, so don't leave it until the last minute.



Why is this happening?

This is much safer as your GP can monitor and discuss with you what medicines you may need and no longer need. So, this change greatly improves your safety and gives you more control of your medicines.

Under the old system, some patients built up a stock of unused medicines. So, we can also save money by reducing medicine waste that can be used on healthcare for more Sefton residents.



How do I get more help understanding this change?

Contact the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) on 0800 218 2333 (9am-5pm, Mon to Fri) or email CMCSU.PALS@nhs.net



I'm worried about someone I know not coping with this change

Please speak to your surgery who will help and advise you.

^{*} this will vary for each practice