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Dear Colleague,

RE: CONTROLLED DRUG DECLARATION AND SELF-ASSESSMENT 2021

This letter is for the attention of, and action by, all registered pharmacies and non-registered Trust pharmacies in relation to the **2021 Declaration and self-assessment** which arises from The Controlled Drugs (Supervision of Management and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2009 (as amended).

Previously the Declaration and self-assessment has been a form that has been completed and retained for review by the pharmacy inspector during a routine pharmacy visit. For the reporting year 2021, the format has changed to an online questionnaire which we believe will be easier to complete and enables responses to be viewed by the pharmacy inspectors during the emergency period when the normal onsite inspection visits are restricted.

The online questionnaire can be found at **<https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/doh-medicines-regulatory-group/fcafc5b5>** and should be completed no later than **31 March 2021**. Details relating to completion of the questionnaire are contained in the link.

Completion by non-registered Trust pharmacies is in anticipation of the next controlled drugs inspection.

Further information about the Regulations can be found on the Department's website at **<https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/articles/accountable-officer>**

If you have any queries, regarding the completion of the questionnaire, please contact Sean Curley (02890528627) sean.curley@health-ni.gov.uk, Aaron McKendry (02890 528628) aaron.mckendry@health-ni.gov.uk or Michelle Keatings (02890 520230) michelle.keatings@health-ni.gov.uk.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Canice Ward".

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