TO ALL PHARMACY CONTRACTORS

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Dear Colleagues

CONNECTIVITY TO HSC BSO PHARMACY WEB PORTAL

As you are aware, BSO has recently completed the deployment of cryptocards to enable pharmacists in Northern Ireland to connect to HSC BSO Pharmacy web portal.

Initially, BSO had uploaded VPN software to enable this connectivity. Following this exercise, it became apparent that the VPN software caused some conflict with MPS systems. Subsequently, McLernons and BSO worked together to find an alternative solution to ensure the integrity and consistent operation of the MPS systems. The revised solution will facilitate connection to the HSC through a URL connection. This URL has been placed on all machines.

By way of assurance to all pharmacists, BSO and McLernons have carried out testing and are content that this solution should work in such a way as not to adversely affect the operation of your MPS software. As a result, BSO are now proactively seeking pharmacists to follow the agreed process to enable connection to the HSC through this URL. There should be no detrimental impact on the performance of your MPS systems.

By way of ongoing assurance, and in order to ensure that MPS is not compromised, this position will be closely monitored by both McLernons and BSO with regular reviews of the connectivity arrangements.

Yours sincerely

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