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Community Pharmacists (*for onward distribution to Community Pharmacy staff*)

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Dear Colleagues,

## **NEW MODELS OF PRESCRIBING (NMOP) – NEXT STEPS**

As you may be aware, over the last 12 months the HSCB has embarked on a programme of work around New Models of Prescribing (NMOP) with the aim of enabling medical and non-medical prescribing at interfaces between primary and secondary care. This work will facilitate direct prescribing to appropriate patients at the interface via an HS21 prescription form.

Following extensive stakeholder engagement and the establishment of a NMOP Programme Board, it has been agreed that a number of small pilot projects will be implemented to test the prescription process and governance frameworks required for successful roll-out of NMOP. Task and finish groups have been established to oversee each of these pilots and work is underway to develop the arrangements for each. The pilots include:

- Physiotherapist prescribing
- Heart Failure Nurse Specialist (HFNS) prescribing
- Mental Health Home Treatment Teams medical and non-medical prescribing
- Dietitian-led ordering and supply of oral nutritional supplements (ONS) for care home patients

### **1. Physiotherapy prescribing pilot**

- This will focus on musculoskeletal, respiratory and lymphoedema prescribing in the outpatient and community setting within SEHSCT and SHSCT
- It is anticipated that this pilot will commence 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

### **2. Heart Failure Nurse Specialist (HFNS) prescribing pilot**

- This will focus on prescribing in the outpatient and community setting within BHSCT, NHSCT and WHSCT

- It is anticipated that this pilot will commence early 2021

Details of the physiotherapist and HFNS prescribers participating in the projects are included in the attachment (Appendix 1) with this letter. Contact telephone numbers are provided to assist with any queries you may have in relation to medicines being prescribed for, or dispensed to, individual patients.

Prescribers participating in both these pilots will issue prescriptions directly to patients in situations where it is of benefit to the patient to:

- Commence treatment quickly (within 72 hours of contact with the non-medical prescriber).
- Titrate medication and have an early review for response and appropriateness. Please note that during the titration phases of any treatment, it will be the non-medical prescriber's responsibility to organise monitoring and review results. Once medication is suitable for repeat prescribing, the patient's GP will be advised and asked to continue prescribing along with undertaking any further or ongoing monitoring.

### **3. Mental Health Home Treatment Teams medical and non-medical prescribing**

- This pilot will take place within the BHSCT area.
- Medical and non-medical prescribers participating in the pilot will issue HS21 prescriptions for patients requiring urgent medication prevent an acute deterioration in mental state.
- The anticipated start date is early 2021.

Prescribers will inform the patient's GP of any medicines prescribed and ongoing monitoring requirements.

While each of the pilot projects are confined to specific Trust areas, it should be noted that patients may take their prescription for dispensing to a pharmacy outside of these jurisdictions.

### **4. Dietitian-led ordering and supply of oral nutritional supplements (ONS) for care home patients**

- This pilot will take place within BHSCT, NHSCT and WHSCT areas.
- Dietitians participating in the pilot will order ONS products for patients in a small number of care homes in these areas.
- The anticipated start date is early 2021.

We would welcome your support in this important area of work and if you have any queries or would like any further details on either the NMOP work or the

proposed pilots, please do not hesitate to contact the Programme Co-ordinator, Andrea Linton at [andrea.linton@hscni.net](mailto:andrea.linton@hscni.net).

Yours sincerely,



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**Appendix 1**  
**Names and contact details of prescribers participating in the NMOP pilots**

**Physiotherapist Pilot**  
 Commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

<b>SEHSCT</b>		
<b>Name of prescriber</b>	<b>Specialty</b>	<b>Contact telephone number</b>
Gail McKeown	Respiratory	07971336268
Brendan O'Connell	Musculoskeletal	07732728233
Yvonne Lee	ICATS	07751349429
Wesley Henry	Respiratory	07786652977
Stuart McCullough	Respiratory	07859288877
Pippa McCabe	Lymphoedema	07525 898257
Gerard Grant	ICATS	07565790431
<b>SHSCT</b>		
<b>Name of prescriber</b>	<b>Specialty</b>	<b>Contact telephone number</b>
Anne Marie Campbell	Respiratory	07809552828
Lynne Whiteside	Lymphoedema	07825840738
Catherine McClelland	Lymphoedema	02837561306
Clare Loughran	ICATS	37560505 ICATS office
Roisin Skeffington	ICATS	37560505 ICATS office
Gillian McConaghie	Lymphoedema	02838360443
Niamh Canavan	Respiratory	07468711014 02837567366

## Heart Failure Specialist Nurse Pilot

Commencing January 2021

<b>BHSCT</b>	
<b>Name of prescriber</b>	<b>Contact telephone number</b>
Patrick Mulholland	07702897680
Gillian Hutchinson	07702897677
Joan Friel	07522217612
Jenny Sinnamon	07710759760
Cathy McClure	07825141741
Paula Lindsay	07769978051
<b>NHSCT</b>	
<b>Name of prescriber</b>	<b>Contact telephone number</b>
Joanne Glass	02870346259
Pamela McGonigle	02870346259
Donna McLaughlin	07341113829 or 02894424177
Hilary Clarke	07841468944 or 02894424177
<b>WHSCT</b>	
<b>Name of prescriber</b>	<b>Contact telephone number</b>
Myrtle Donnell	02871 611298 or AAH, Switch board, ext 213915/ 213916
Liz Cummings	02871 611298 or AAH, Switch board, ext 213915/ 213916
Denise Whittle	02871 611298 or AAH, Switch board, ext 213915/ 213916