

South Tyneside Adult Recovery Service

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Dear Colleagues,

I believe I may have met or at least introduced myself to you all as clinical lead Nurse and NMP for South Tyneside Adult Recovery Service. I have been in post for a whirlwind period of 7 months and in this time our service has evolved in terms of our prescribing practices.

We have moved away from prescribing in isolation and now have a prescribing model with recovery as its focus. This means that you will see differences in the way which we are prescribing and handle prescriptions.

In Summary, the service user will be issued a prescription for no longer than 28 days. If the service user is stable and engaging with low risk, then the following 28-day prescription will be issued 7 days prior to its commencement and delivered to you in line with our current processes.

However if the client is non engaging, high risk and unstable we may decide to store prescriptions on site at Cookson House to encourage engagement and further assess risk if this is the case then we will ask you to direct service users to the service to collect their prescriptions.

We want to support you to deliver supervised consumption services to our community and to do this please let us know if a service user misses day 2 dose so that we can intervene to prevent the service user being “off script”

We take unacceptable, abusive and threatening behaviour seriously and would ask you to report such incidents to us that involve our service users in order to discuss this behaviour and its unacceptability as part of their treatment at STARS.

As always if we can be of any help please don't hesitate to get in touch

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Kindest regards

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