

To; Community Pharmacists in
Gateshead commissioned to
provide Emergency Contraception
Service

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Date: 19th March 2025

Dear Pharmacist,

Regarding PGDs for Emergency Contraception Service (EHC) that are approaching expiry date

One of the Patient Group Directions (PGDs) supporting the provision EHC in Gateshead by community pharmacy services is due to expire on 31st March 2025.

This PGD is:

- LEVONORGESTREL 1500MCG TABLETS (Levonelle®) as Hormonal Emergency Contraception (EHC) Reference: GCP 2023/01C (FSRH v2)

Based on realigning the two PGDs included in the delivery of the Emergency contraception (EHC) service in by community pharmacies Gateshead, it has been agreed to extend the authorisation of this PGD and therefore to realign it with the Ulipristal PGD.

Therefore, this letter authorises and extends the validity of the listed PGD to continue to be valid and used until the **28th February 2026**. The PGD will not be valid after this date.

Please ensure that all pharmacists working to this PGD are aware of this extended expiry date. We recommend that a copy of this letter is held with the PGD.

Should you require any further information, please contact Colleen Briton, Public Health Advanced Practitioner colleenbriton@gateshead.gov.uk 0191 433 2127 or Sue White Medicines Optimisation Pharmacist (NECS) sue.white14@nhs.net.

Yours faithfully



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