Name of pharmacy

Pharmacy address 1

Pharmacy address 2

Pharmacy postcode

Pharmacy phone number

Pharmacy email address

GP's name or GP practice manager's name

Name of GP practice

GP Practice address 1

GP practice address 2

GP practice postcode

 21 November 2023

Dear GP's name or GP practice manager's name or Sexual health service manager’s name

**Re: NHS Pharmacy Contraception Service – new service being offered from our pharmacy**

I am writing to let you know about a new NHS service, which we will be offering to patients from xx/xx/202x.

In 2023, NHS England commissioned community pharmacies to provide the NHS Pharmacy Contraception Service. The service aims to offer greater choice from where people can access contraception services and create additional capacity in primary care and sexual health clinics (or equivalent) to support meeting the demand for more complex assessments.

The service involves community pharmacists initiating oral contraception and also providing ongoing management and supply of oral contraception that was initiated in general practice, a sexual health clinic or a pharmacy.

The supplies will be made under the authority of a Patient Group Direction (PGD), with appropriate checks, such as the measurement of the person’s blood pressure and body mass index (BMI), being undertaken, where necessary.

A link to a briefing on the service for general practice teams and sexual health teams can be found below.

Community Pharmacy England Briefing for general practice and sexual health clinic teams – the NHS Pharmacy Contraception Service

As the service includes the option for general practice or sexual health teams to refer individuals to be initiated on oral contraception and also to provide ongoing management and supply of oral contraception at a pharmacy, I would welcome the opportunity to discuss whether this would be of interest to your practice. I would be delighted to come to meet you and the practice team to explain the service and to consider, as part of our discussion, the best process for referring patients to the pharmacy should you wish to do so.

Further information on the NHS Pharmacy Contraception Service can be found at [**cpe.org.uk/pcs**](http://cpe.org.uk/pcs).

If you would like to discuss this further or have any questions on the service, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

**Pharmacist / Pharmacy manager's name**

**Role**