

- 1) **New PGD for the supply of Varenicline (Champix) by Community Pharmacists in Calderdale, and**
- 2) **Yorkshire Smokefree Calderdale(YSFC): Local Commissioned Service Agreement to supply Champix on a Patient Group Direction and Nicotine Replacement Therapy through a Voucher Scheme (Level 1 service)-EXTENSION TO CONTRACT**

Dear Pharmacist

**1) New PGD for the supply of Varenicline (Champix) by Community Pharmacists in Calderdale**

The Varenicline PGD currently used to supply Varenicline to clients/ patients receiving motivational support to stop smoking via a Yorkshire Smokefree (YSF) accredited service has been reviewed and updated by South West Yorkshire NHS Foundation Trust (SWYFT). The new PGD is in response to the Summary of Product Characteristics<sup>i</sup> for Champix being updated in May 2016 as a result of the Eagles Study<sup>ii</sup> (sections 4.4 and 5.1 of the SPC were updated and the Black Triangle status was removed).

The new PGD for Varenicline is attached with a review date of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020 on page 1.

Main changes to be aware of:

<b>Section</b>	<b>Old PGD</b>	<b>New PGD</b>	<b>Comments</b>
2.3 Criteria for Exclusion	Clients with active or history of psychiatric illness	Patients with a history of serious psychiatric illness such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder or major depressive illness.	A history of major depressive illness is defined as someone who has been seen in secondary care by a psychiatrist
2.3 Criteria for Exclusion	Renal impairment or end stage renal disease	End stage renal disease as decreased clearance by kidney increases side effects. (see 2.4 for renal impairment)	End stage renal disease is defined as someone requiring kidney dialysis or transplant.

Section	Old PGD	New PGD	Comments
2.4 Criteria for cautions	This section is absent in the old PGD	Completely new section that gives dosage adjustments required for patients with renal impairment. It also gives information about neuropsychiatric symptoms and smoking cessation. In addition there is information about other drugs whose metabolism may be affected by smoking cessation.	It is recognized that you may not have access to information such as level of renal impairment and may need to refer the patient to GP.  It is expected that the pharmacist will give appropriate advice to patients taking drugs whose metabolism may be affected by smoking cessation
4.2 Legal status	POM –Black Triangle	POM	Black triangle removed

The new Champix Voucher is attached. It has changed to reflect the changes to the exclusion criteria. There is now a box underneath the box 'For Pharmacist to complete' where you can document any criteria for cautions (e.g. renal impairment) or specific advice given.

**Please use the New PGD for Varenicline once you have read and signed it.  
All providers that use Champix Vouchers will be issued with new Champix voucher pads, however you can continue to supply against the old vouchers until 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018**

**2) Yorkshire Smokefree Calderdale(YSFC): Local Commissioned Service Agreement to supply Champix on a Patient Group Direction and Nicotine Replacement Therapy through a Voucher Scheme (Level 1 service)-EXTENSION TO CONTRACT**

I am pleased to inform you that YSFC has been awarded an extension of contract for another 9 months from June 2018 to March 2019. As you currently provide a Level 1 Smokefree Service to supply Champix through a PGD and Nicotine Replacement Therapy through a Voucher Scheme, I would like to know if you would like to extend your current contract date to March 2019.

There are no amendments to the current contract and all information remains the same

**Actions required**

- Please take time to read and familiarize yourself with the new PGD. The above table draws your attention to the main changes in the new PGD. It is your responsibility to read thoroughly the new PGD before you sign to say you are competent to work under it within your professional code of conduct

- Start working from the new PGD (review date 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020 on page 1) once you have read and signed it.
- All pharmacists using the PGD should sign the self-declaration of competence on page 11 of the store copy of the PGD and keep this safely in your files.
- Let us know whether you wish to accept the extension to your contract beyond 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019
- Pharmacy manager-Please complete the information below and send to Yorkshire Smokefree Calderdale for our records

Many thanks for your continued support to the service. If you would like any further information, or would like to discuss the service please do not hesitate to contact me, Jan Spence on 01422 262373 or 07725824466 email: [jan.spence@swyt.nhs.uk](mailto:jan.spence@swyt.nhs.uk)

Yours Sincerely

Jan Spence  
Acting Manager  
Yorkshire Smokefree Calderdale

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<sup>i</sup> Champix Summary of Product Characteristics, <https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/product/7944/smpc#> accessed 15.3.18

<sup>ii</sup> Anthenelli RM, et al. Lancet 2016. Vol 387, no 10037, p2507-2520

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**Pharmacy Manager-Please complete for your Pharmacy and return by email to [Victoria.kennedy@nhs.net](mailto:Victoria.kennedy@nhs.net) or post to Jan Spence, YSF Calderdale, Laura Mitchell Health and Wellbeing Centre, Great Albion St, Halifax HX1 1YR**

Community Pharmacy name.....

Pharmacy address.....

**Pharmacists signed up to supply Varenicline through PGD:**

Pharmacist Name	GPhC number	Email address

If there are any regular days/times when there will be no PGD pharmacist available to supply Champix through the PGD please give details below:

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**Please update Yorkshire Smokefree if any changes to the above occur**

**CONTRACT EXTENSION**

The pharmacy will be continuing       The pharmacy will not be continuing     

**up to 30th March 2019 for Yorkshire Stop Smoking Service.**

Signed.....

Name.....

