

Community Pharmacy
Supervised Consumption

Locum Guide

IMPORTANT DOCUMENT

READ and SIGN

This pharmacy is signed up to Reach Out Recovery's Local Enhanced Service for the supervised consumption of methadone and buprenorphine.

It is the pharmacist's responsibility to supply all supervised methadone and buprenorphine.

ON ARRIVAL AND THROUGHOUT THE DAY:

1. Ask to see the substance misuse communication log via PharmOutcomes. This will highlight any important messages from the drug services.
2. Locate the Activity Recording Sheet via PharmOutcomes. This is the form that must be filled in to record attendance at the pharmacy for those on supervised medication.
3. **Please check on arrival for any service users that have not attended the pharmacy for 3 days or more. Be aware that if a service user has not collected their medication for 3 days consecutive DO NOT SUPPLY, and refer back to Reach Out Recovery.**
4. Confirm the normal procedures for the service with the pharmacy staff, including the times to expect service users to arrive, the location of prescriptions, the process of making up doses ahead of time and if there is a separate CD cabinet for the service.
5. Check that all service users have a legal, valid and current prescription. Pay particular attention to reducing doses. NOTE – prescriptions are posted ahead of time, and the most current prescription may have a later date. Check the details for any overlapping prescriptions.
6. Confirm the identity of each service user by requesting their address and date of birth. Be aware of similar names on prescriptions. If the identity is in doubt or unknown, you should request a sample signature and compare it to the service user agreement in the pharmacy.
7. Check whether the methadone on a prescription is either for the sugared or sugar-free version.
8. Confirm that each supervision is monitored adequately, and be confident that the methadone has been consumed. Buprenorphine must be dissolved under the tongue until it is of a 'mush' like consistency. This can take up to 5 minutes.
9. Complete the CD register and do a running balance (as per the local SOP).
10. Should any problems be identified with a service user or their script, please contact Reach Out Recovery on 0121 227 5890.

