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## EPS and BCHC

### **Message from Birmingham Community Healthcare Foundation Trust**

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025, Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (BCHC) will move prescribing in its Community Paediatrics and ADHD services from paper to EPS.

We are looking forward to piloting CLEO SOLO EPS, which has the potential to transform the way prescriptions are managed in our community paediatrics and the ADHD nursing service. By digitising the prescription process, we will be addressing a number of the challenges we've faced with manual prescribing. We are excited to see the positive impact this pilot will have for our clinicians and patients.

While the numbers are not huge, this still equates to around 30,000 items per year that will now be generated electronically. Traditionally, handwritten prescriptions are likely to be dispensed at pharmacies close to the clinics that generate these paper forms; however, prescriptions generated via the NHS spine are much more likely to be dispensed at the patients normal nominated pharmacy.

So, what does this mean for community pharmacies across Birmingham? From the end of March community pharmacies across Birmingham are likely to see a small increase in the number of prescriptions for the treatment of ADHD (in particular methylphenidate, lisdexamfetamine, guanfacine and atomoxetine). This increase may have some impact on wholesaler quotas and we have already discussed this with Alliance to make them aware of any changes in dispensing patterns over the next couple of months.

We do not anticipate any major issues with this transfer but I am happy for any contractors to contact me as necessary.

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