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**Electronic Batch Prescriptions**

*An alternative way to get your repeat prescriptions.*

If you or someone you care for uses the same medicines regularly and there have been **no major changes to your medication and/or health recently**, you may be able to benefit from using the NHS Electronic Repeat Dispensing (eRD) service.

This means you won’t have to re-order or collect your repeat prescriptions from your GP practice every time you need more medicine.

# Benefits:

* **Saves you time:** Instead of ordering your prescription every time you need a repeat, your prescription will be waiting for you at your nominated pharmacy every month (*or agreed frequency, e.g. every 2 months in some cases*) – they will be available to the pharmacist to dispense 7 days before they are due to you. It is advisable to phone your nominated pharmacy before going to ensure the prescription is ready for you to pick up to avoid any delay for you……..*or*you can discuss arrangements of future collections with the pharmacist, including what to do if your next issue is due when you are away on holiday etc.
* **Improved safety:** Your pharmacist will check that all of your medicines are still being used; whether you are having any side effects; and if you have seen any other health professionals since your last prescription and will notify your GP of any concerns you may have about your medicines.

**STEP 1**

* If someone hasn’t already spoken to you about it, talk to your GP and ask them if you can use Electronic Repeat Dispensing.
* If you can use this service, you will be asked permission to share information about your treatment with your pharmacist. This will help your pharmacist to give your prescriber feedback about your treatment and provide you with useful advice.
* Your GP will then authorise a number of electronic prescriptions (*between 3 and 12 months depending on how often you need additional monitoring such as blood tests etc*) and send them, **electronically**, to your nominated pharmacy

**STEP 2**

* Collect your first prescription from your nominated pharmacy (you can nominate any pharmacy that dispenses NHS prescriptions).

**STEP 3**

* Next time you need more medicines, go back to your pharmacy (no need to request a repeat from your GP practice).
* Before dispensing the next issue of your prescription your pharmacy will ask you the following questions:
* Have you seen any health professionals (GP, nurse, or hospital doctor), since your last repeat prescription was supplied?
* Have you recently started taking any new medicines – either on prescription or that you have bought over the counter?
* Have you been having any problems with your medication or experiencing any side effects?
* Are there any items on your repeat prescription that you don’t need this month?
* If you don’t need all of the medicines on your prescription, let the pharmacy staff know, so that they only supply the medicines you need. This will help to reduce waste and save the NHS money.
* If you have any questions about your medicines, just ask at the pharmacy; they’ll be happy to help you.

**STEP 4**

* When your pharmacy supplies your last prescription in the batch they have received, they will advise you to contact your GP practice to arrange for your medication to be reviewed and if it is clinically appropriate to issue another eRD prescription.
* Your doctor or practice nurse **may** want you to make an appointment to see them before they can authorise more eRD prescriptions.

If you would **like to receive your prescriptions this way** then please fill in the form below and return it to Stokewood Surgery:

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| Your Name (print) |  |
| Your date of birth |  |
| Name of your preferred pharmacy |  |
| Your Signature |  |
| Today’s Date |  |