eRD allows prescribers to sign a batch of electronic prescriptions in advance. The CCG has made eRD a key priority, to maintain medication supply and reduce GP workload during the peak of the virus outbreak. Patients on eRD will liaise directly with the Community Pharmacy to obtain more medicine.

Summary of eRD roll-out by the pharmacy team: Pharmacist, PA or GP Pharmacy Tech / Prescription Clerk Identifies patient with no exclusion criteria Identifies patient with no exclusion criteria and NO medication which require routine and who does not need routine blood tests or review within the next 3 months. blood tests or review Check record and Call Patient Not suitable or Double check the patient has no exclusion criteria for eRD: Health and medications appear stable declines service Not for eRD Not on controlled drugs or high risk medications No concerns over drug seeking behaviour Not due blood tests or a medication review within 3 months Has a nominated pharmacy for ETP Suitable but unable Set up a postto gain consent at dated task as a Give information, request consent and enter appropriate Read Code: this time or due reminder to try XaKRX = patient consent given for repeat dispensing info transfer Imminent review again another XaXoR = repeat dispensing service declined time Suitable and consent given Set up eRD prescriptions If the patient is clinically suitable to set up eRD straight away: Assesses the appropriate duration of the eRD prescription Check which drug is due review / reauthorisation SOONEST. Ensure no repeat items are due for review before that date. Check 'total quantity' and 'issue duration' match on every repeat item Highlight repeat items and select 'RD'. Add note 'eRD' for GP to see.

- Mark PRN items as 'irregularly issued', check quantities are sensible and produce separate eRD scripts for each PRN item.
- Add read code XaJus 'On repeat dispensing system'.

Endeavour to inform the nominated pharmacy that the patient is now on eRD.

Support:

For online eRD training: <u>https://learning.necsu.nhs.uk/nhs-digital-electronic-repeat-dispensing-elearning/</u>

For links to other eRD resources: <u>http://www.dorsetformulary.nhs.uk/</u> (see under 'Covid-19 resources)

Pharmacy support: Insert names and contact details

Setting up eRD:

- Check that 'total quantity' and 'issue duration' *exactly* match on <u>every</u> repeat item, eg. all set to 56 tablets and 28 days duration, if BD dosing.
- 2. Highlight all repeat items for eRD. Select the 'RD' button to produce the eRD prescription. <u>Set up PRNs_SEPARATELY on individual eRD scripts</u>, with a sensible frequency.
- 3. If the patient recently received a prescription then the first eRD script can be cancelled by pressing the red cross icon

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Cancelling and re-syncing prescriptions:

- 1. eRD scripts cannot be *amended* once they have been sent to the Spine. This is why we use eRD most for 'stable' patients.
- 2. If an item needs to be changed, it must be cancelled off the repeat with the red 'STOP' button. Then add it back on with the new directions, click the 'RD' button and set it so that it syncs with all of the other repeat items on the eRD script.
- 3. It may be preferable to stop ALL items on that script and add them all back on, to keep it as one eRD script.
- 4. An automatic task will be sent from the Spine to say if a cancellation has been 'successful' or 'unsuccessful'. If unsuccessful, ensure that what you wanted to change is clear from the Tabbed Journal and forward the task to Admin or the Pharmacy Team to investigate.

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