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Dear Patient,

Your safety and ongoing care is our priority. As part of the primary care response to the current Coronavirus pandemic, we have been reviewing all of our patients who have stable repeat medications. NHS have recommended that we move all suitable patients onto our repeat dispensing service. This service means we send a batch supply of your repeat prescriptions electronically to your local pharmacy and you can either collect or ask them to deliver as usual.

This will save your GP and pharmacy time with processing prescriptions and allow them to focus on reviewing patients at this critical time. It will also save you time as you will no longer need to request your medications from us. Importantly, you will need to spend less time waiting for your prescriptions which means you can stay at home and avoid face to face contact during the pandemic.

You do not need to do anything except provide us with permission. Please reply to the text message you have received to provide this.

You will need to request your next prescription as usual but moving forward from then you will not need to. With repeat dispensing we will send a batch of prescriptions to your pharmacy e.g. for 6 or 12 months of medication. You will then only need to contact your pharmacy to obtain your repeat medication from then on. Before the pharmacy dispense the next issue of your prescriptions they will ask you whether there any items you don't need on your repeat/any concerns with your medications so you will not receive unnecessary medications.

If you usually have medication reviews at the practice this will still occur at the scheduled time. Your pharmacy will support you with the switch and have systems in place to implement repeat dispensing. We would be grateful if you could trial the system to assist us in this time.

You can find more information at: www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/eRD

All medicines should be safely stored out of the reach of children.

Yours Sincerely

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