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Dear Colleague

Remote prescribing

As you will all be aware one of the processes we used extensively during the pandemic was remote prescribing of antibiotics and analgesics for patients after a telephone consultation. This was supported by all pharmacies to help to minimize footfall in health care settings.

Whilst the NHSL community pharmacy team continue to support this pattern of practice I have been contacted by the lead pharmacist for NHSL for the community team who is concerned that the legal framework for this practice is not being followed. Can I remind all practitioners that the following are mandatory requirements for this service to continue.

- A hard copy prescription has to be sent to the pharmacy within 72-hours of the telephone conversation
- The prescriptions has to be stamped and dated to confirm its origin and the time of prescribing

Whilst this service will continue for the benefit of both you and your patients it will be reviewed and may be withdrawn if we do not follow the legal framework.

With all my best

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