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To: All Community Pharmacy
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Dear Colleague,

One of the clinical governance requirements under the new pharmacy contract is that pharmacists and their staff should participate in one PCT determined multidisciplinary audit each year. For 2009/10 we are asking pharmacists to complete the NHS Plymouth safeguarding children and young people self-assessment.

NHS Plymouth has produced this self-assessment in relation to our requirements under Section 11 of the Children's Act (2004) along with "Working Together to Safeguard Children" (2006) which set out the statutory responsibilities of all services, including community pharmacy, in relation to safeguarding of children and young people. Addressing domestic violence is an integral part of this agenda. All Primary Care Trusts are required by the legislation to "ensure" that those organisations from whom they contract for the provision of services, fully comply with guidance issued by the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 11.

The self-assessment uses a RAG (Red Amber Green) scoring system and has details of supporting documents available to help with the completion of the audit. Please complete and return the audit by **Wednesday 17th March 2010** to Stacey Burch, NHS Plymouth, Building One, Derriford Business Park, Brest Road, Plymouth, Devon, PL6 5QZ Fax: 01752 315700

Also enclosed is the first NHS Plymouth Safeguarding Children Annual Newsletter for all Independent Contractors (Dentists, Pharmacists and Opticians). The aim of the newsletter is to provide an update on general issues and to let you know your responsibilities in relation to safeguarding children.

If you have any questions about the audit please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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