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To: All Pharmacies in Plymouth

Dear Colleague,

Re: New Locally Enhanced Service – Voucher Scheme Protocol for the Supply of Nicotine Replacement Therapy

NHS Plymouth has developed a voucher scheme involving community pharmacies in order to make access to nicotine replacement therapy more accessible and to provide a streamlined, convenient service for smokers wanting to quit.

The objective of this new service is to set out a system that allows clinically registered Specialist Stop Smoking Advisers to give clients a voucher for their NRT that they use to exchange for their medication from their local Pharmacy. This will create a 'one stop shop' for specialist smoking cessation clinics in Plymouth. All patients that access the Plymouth NHS Specialist Stop Smoking Service and meet the criteria will benefit from this service.

A copy of the Voucher Scheme Protocol for the Supply of Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) protocol is enclosed for your attention; a useful pharmacy guidance sheet is at appendix 4.

The enhanced service is open to all community pharmacies in Plymouth and we would like to achieve 100% take-up from pharmacies across the City. Attendance at training is not required; participating pharmacists must sign and return the enclosed authorisation form to say they have full read and understood the protocol before they are authorised to begin providing the service.

If you wish to provide this new service, please complete and return the enclosed form to Stacey Burch by Monday 1st November 2010.

If you have any queries concerning the LES please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



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cc. Devon LPC
Russ Moody, Service Manager, NHS Plymouth Stop Smoking Service