

Notice of decommissioning of local pharmacy EOHC service

Version 1

This briefing is to give notice to pharmacies currently providing the CDDFT commissioned service, *Community pharmacy provision of EOHC with Levonorgestrel and Ulipristal Acetate and/or Community Pharmacy Distribution of Chlamydia (or dual Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea) screening postal packs*, that this service will be decommissioned from 1 February 2026.

In summary

- **Documentation:** For the local service documentation at <https://cpdands.org.uk/county-durham-services-2/>, the current service specification is extended from 31 December 2025 until 31 January 2026 and the current PGDs already cover this time period.
- **PharmOutcomes:** The PharmOutcomes template under 'Durham County Council – Sexual Health Services' and titled 'Emergency Hormonal Contraception' will allow service provision up until and including 31 January 2026.
- **Training:** CDDFT will continue to work with the LPC to support pharmacy contraceptive services.
- **Future local services:** CDDFT will work with the LPC to consider how the monies released from decommissioning this local service could potentially be reinvested into alternative pharmacy sexual health services e.g. chlamydia screening and treatment.

Actions for pharmacies

Service decommissioning

- Be aware that the CDDFT commissioned service, *Community pharmacy provision of EOHC with Levonorgestrel and Ulipristal Acetate and/or Community Pharmacy Distribution of Chlamydia (or dual Chlamydia and Gonorrhoea) screening postal packs*, will cease on 31 January 2026:
 1. For the EOHC supply element of this local service: CDDFT will monitor pharmacies making any claims from November 2025, in order to support a transition to the national Pharmacy Contraceptive Service.
 2. For the distribution of chlamydia screening postal packs to those aged 13-24 years: The preferred option for those aged 16 years and over is to signpost to <https://sh24.org.uk/>. Those aged 13-15 years should contact the sexual health service (see <https://www.cddft.nhs.uk/services/sexual-health/>).

PharmOutcomes

- Ensure that any EOHC supplies made on the local service template under 'Durham County Council – Sexual Health Services' and titled 'Emergency Hormonal Contraception', are recorded before or on 31 January 2026.

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