



**SERVICE SUMMARY**  
**Needle Exchange Service**  
**Warrington**

**Summary**

To protect health and reduce the rate of blood-borne infections and drug related deaths among service users:

- By reducing the amount of sharing and other high risk injecting behaviours.
- By providing sterile injecting equipment and other support.
- By promoting safer injecting practices.
- By providing and reinforcing harm reduction messages including safe sex advice and advice on overdose preventions (eg risks of poly-drug use and alcohol use).

**How to  
Deliver**

The service may be accessed by any drug user who presents at a participating pharmacy. Pharmacies will provide access to a range of sterile needles and syringes and sharps containers for return of used equipment. Free of charge, to clients in the scheme, together with sharps bins and associated paraphernalia.

The quantity of needle and syringes provided should NOT be subject to an arbitrary limit but instead should meet the client's needs. Should the client not return their used works to your pharmacy, they should NOT be turned away or limited with their supply. Instead, ask where their used works have been disposed of and encourage them to use your pharmacy for this purpose next time. The pharmacy will maintain a discreet service and hand over the equipment within generic pharmacy bags

Pharmacies will offer a user-friendly, non-judgemental, client-centred and confidential service. Used equipment is returned by the service user for safe disposal. The pharmacy will provide support and advice to the client, within PharmOutcomes there is a range of local agency information available for signposting which is available for usage when appropriate.

**How to  
Qualify/DoC**

The pharmacy will appoint a lead member of staff who will attend at least one meeting per year organised by Warrington Council's Public Health Department,

In line with Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE) guidance the Council requires all pharmacists supervising provision of the service to have completed a self-declaration of competency.

The pharmacist must satisfy the requirements of the CPPE "Self-declaration of Competence for community pharmacy services - Needle and Syringe Programme, complete a self- assessment of core competences and declare their personal competence in their CPPE records. [Warrington Needle Exchange : Community Pharmacy Cheshire and Wirral \(cpcw.org.uk\)](http://warringtonneedleexchange.org.uk)

**How/When to  
Claim**

The point of contact for all payment queries is Warrington Council's Public Health Department, Business Support Unit, New Town House, Buttermarket Street, Warrington, WA1 2NH  
Payment is made on the basis of the pharmacy submitting monthly information via PharmOutcomes to Warrington Council's Public Health Department. Payments will be made quarterly for this service in arrears. Should this prove to be of difficulty for your pharmacy, please contact the Public Health Department to discuss further. Quarter 1 – April – June, Quarter 2 – July – September, Quarter 3 – October – December, Quarter 4 – January – March

**Support**

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