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To: NHS Pharmacy Contraception Service
Pilot Leads,
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cc. Anne Joshua,
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Dear Pilot team Leads.

Extension of the NHS Pharmacy Contraception Service Pilot: Tier 2 – Initiation of Oral Contraception.

Thank you to all community pharmacies and their teams for their participation in the NHS Pharmacy Contraception Service Pilot (Tier 2). Your ongoing support and involvement in the pilot are much appreciated.

I am writing to inform you that it has been decided to **extend Tier 2 of the Pharmacy Contraception Service Pilot until 31 March 2024, or until the NHS Pharmacy Contraception Advanced Service is extended to include the initiation of oral contraception, whichever is sooner.**

It should be noted that pharmacies that joined the pilot after 31 August 2023 will not be eligible for any of the set up or evaluation fees that are associated with the pilot as the evaluation has been concluded. They will be paid the consultation and supply fees that the pilot service attracts as follows:

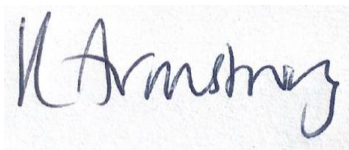
- product price - payment derived from the Drug Tariff.
- consultation fee - payment of £18.50 per consultation.
- supply activity (this is only payable if a supply of ongoing oral contraception is made following consultation) - payment of £3.50 per supply.

These consultation payment arrangements will remain in place for all pharmacies during the pilot's extended period.

It is not our intention to reissue formal documents with the revised pilot extension date. This letter, therefore, acts as formal notification of the date change and should sit alongside the previously circulated documents.

I would be grateful if you would inform the participating pilot sites and community pharmacies in your areas, of this decision. It will be assumed that all pharmacies that signed up to the original SLA will continue their participation in the pilot unless they give notice as set out in the documentation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "K. Armstrong". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed on a light-colored rectangular background.

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