

PRACTICE ADDRESS LIST OF GPs ETC

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PATIENT NAME
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NHS Number:

DATE

Dear

Your doctor has agreed a change to your prescription medication

Prescribing at the practice is regularly reviewed to make sure patients are receiving the most suitable and cost effective medication.

At the moment you use [Bath additive or shower emollient – insert the name].

This will no longer be available on prescription.

National guidance has been produced by NHS England which recommends [Bath additive or shower emollient – add name and delete where appropriate] should not routinely be prescribed by GPs. This is because bath additives and shower emollients show lack of evidence in being more effective than routine moisturising emollients used in dry skin conditions.

In response to the national guidance, South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board has advised that this medicine is no longer considered suitable for GPs to prescribe.

Stopping medicines where there is a lack of evidence to support use or those that are readily available over the counter (often at lower cost than to the NHS) will help to provide substantial savings which can then be used to support and improve other aspects of NHS care we provide.

If you would like to continue taking [Bath additive or shower emollient – add name and delete where appropriate] it can be purchased over-the-counter from a pharmacy/health food shop/supermarket.

I hope you understand the reasons for this change. If you have any concerns, please contact the surgery.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of the doctors at XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX