

REPEAT PRESCRIBING POLICY February 2023

A repeat prescription is one or more medications that are issued to a patient by their GP on a regular basis i.e. every month

Ordering a Repeat Prescription

- The **QUICKEST** and most convenient way to order a repeat prescription is to register for online service and to nominate a chemist. Please enquire at reception for access to online services.
- Repeat prescriptions are issued against the pre-printed form and relevant boxes are ticked.
- Repeat prescriptions can be available within 2 working days providing they are due i.e. 48 hours, excluding weekends and Bank Holidays after 4pm.
- Requests **MUST** be made in writing (i.e. side slips) and **will NOT be accepted by phone** to avoid error except in exceptional circumstances e.g. housebound patients by prior arrangement.
- Prescriptions should only be issued in multiples of 28 days supply with a few exceptions e.g. pain killers, any longer increases the risk of wastage.
- Patients whose review dates are within one month of request will be asked to have a review with the Doctor. For patients whose review dates are overdue a short supply will be given until the appointment date, letters will be sent.
- Please ensure you only order items that are needed and bear in mind that “when required” medications may not be needed with each request.