

Longtown Medical Practice

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PRACTICE POLICY ON THE SUPPLY OF DRUGS LIABLE TO MISUSE

Repeat prescriptions will only be issued after approval by the GP and normal practice arrangements will apply (i.e. it can take 2 working days to process prescriptions).

Our Practice Policy relating to different classes of drugs is listed below. We ask you to sign this document to confirm that you have read and understood this policy. We will be contacting you to discuss if you are currently on any of the medications listed below.

1. **PAINKILLERS, for example, CO-CODAMOL, CODEINE, TRAMADOL ETC.**
These drugs would only be prescribed where the GP is satisfied there is a genuine need.
2. **MEDICATION for ANXIETY / INSOMNIA, for example, DIAZEPAM, TEMAZEPAM, ZOPICLONE ETC.**
This class of drug is licenced, for NHS prescribing, for short term use only. Patients, therefore, will not be supplied with prescriptions for maintenance doses of these drugs. We are prepared to work with patients who commit themselves to stopping these drugs.
3. **PREGABALIN (Lyrica)**
This drug would only be prescribed where the GP is satisfied there is a genuine need.
4. **METHADONE**
The management of this drug is the responsibility of the local Drug and Alcohol Service and will not be prescribed by the practice.
5. **SHARED CARE AGREEMENTS**
We will only prescribe medications that fall under a Shared Care Agreement with another organisation, e.g. ADHD meds, once stabilised and agreed.

DECLARATION FOR NEWLY REGISTERED PATIENTS

I have read, and fully understood, the Practice policy on this subject. I agree to comply with its provisions at all times while I am registered at Longtown Medical Practice

Name..... Date of Birth.....

Signed..... Date.....