

Primary Care Directorate
Dentistry and Optometry Division

Dear Colleague

**REINTRODUCTION OF PATIENT SIGNATURES
/ REVISED FORMS GP17(PR), GP17(O)(PR)**

Summary

1. This letter advises NHS Boards of the reintroduction of patient signatures from 1 November 2022.
2. We are also taking this opportunity to revise the GP17(PR) and GP17(O)(PR) forms (forms) in order to update compliance to General Data Protection Regulations.

Actions for NHS Boards

Action

3. NHS Boards and Practitioner Services are asked to note the information in the Memorandum to this letter, and issue the Memorandum to this letter to all dentists and dental bodies corporate on their dental lists.
4. Revised forms are being sent to NHS Boards by 11th October, for subsequent distribution to dental practices in their areas. Boards should ensure existing versions of the forms are destroyed once the new forms are supplied.
5. The Memorandum also advises that practices may continue to use their own stocks of existing forms until 1 December 2022.

Yours sincerely,

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GP17PR and GP17(O)PR – PATIENT SIGNATURES

1. As you will be aware the requirement for patients to sign GP17PR and GP17(O)PR forms was temporarily removed during the pandemic. As infection prevention and control guidance has now changed and the public health situation remains stable, this change has been deemed no longer necessary.
2. For courses of treatment started on or after 1 November 2022, the requirement for patients, or their guardians, to sign GP17PR or GP17(O)PR forms (the forms) will be reintroduced.
3. The forms have also been revised to update compliance with General Data Protection Regulations requirements. NHS Board stores have been issued with stocks of the revised versions of the forms, and practices will automatically receive an initial supply in advance of 1 November 2022.
4. To reduce waste there is no need for practices to destroy any existing stock of the current versions of the forms, as these can continue to be used until 30 November 2022. From 1 December 2022, practices should use the revised version.

Enquiries

Any enquiries arising from this memorandum should be taken up with your NHS Board.

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