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National Condom Distribution Service (NCDS)

Dear Pharmacist,

The Community Pharmacy Agreement 2025 outlines a variety of services designed to enable Community Pharmacies to broaden their scope of practice and enhance patient care. One such service is the National Condom Distribution Service (NCDS). The NCDS will involve community pharmacies holding a stock of condoms and/or lubricant sachets which would be distributed for free to individuals who are 17 years and older, as part of a one-to-one consultation relating to sexual health. This service is managed by the HSE Sexual Health Programme.

Phased Roll-Out:

The opportunity to participate in this service will be rolled out on a phased basis, starting April 2026, to all community pharmacies who have signed up to the Community Pharmacy Agreement 2025. When a pharmacy falls within the relevant phase, they will be contacted directly by the HSE and invited to participate in the service. Further details of the NCDS application process, including service terms and conditions will be provided at the time of invitation. Once a pharmacy has been approved by the HSE Sexual Health Programme as an NCDS provider, they will be able to order stocks of condoms and/or lubricant sachets from healthpromotion.ie.

Stock:

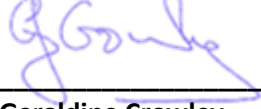
Condoms will be available in a pack size of 500 units. Lubricant sachets are available as a minimum order of 200 units. If quantities of lubricant sachets are required at 200 units or above, orders should be placed in multiples of 100. Pharmacists will need to monitor the expiry dates on the condoms and lubricant sachets that have been supplied to the pharmacy by the NCDS and not disseminate condoms with a shelf life less than 12 months before the stated expiry date on the condom foil. It is important to note that condoms provided by the NCDS are **NOT LATEX FREE**. Condoms and lubricant sachets should be stored and handled in a manner to prevent any damage to the foil packaging and should be checked to ensure that they are damage free before distribution.

Children First Act 2015:

Community Pharmacists are reminded of their obligations under the *Children First Act 2015* and as per PSI guidance ([Preparation for the Children First Act 2015 | PSI](#)). Community Pharmacists are advised to review their obligations and ensure all necessary measures, such as a child safeguarding statement, are in place before applying to participate in the NCDS.

Thank you for taking the time to review this correspondence. We look forward to working together with you in delivering this service through community pharmacy.

Yours sincerely,



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