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Where do I go if I have any concerns or to tell us about a good experience you have had?

You can raise concerns / feedback with the prescriber concerned.

You can provide feedback online at:
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Complaints Department:
0151 430 1427 or 0151 430 1167

Email: complaintsteamDL@sthk.nhs.uk

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Jeśli niniejsza ulotka ma być dostępna w innym języku lub formacie, proszę skontaktować się z członkiem personelu, który ją dla Państwa przygotowuje.

Dacă aveți nevoie de această broșură într-o altă limbă sau într-un format accesibil, vă rog să discutați cu un membru al personalului să se ocupe de acest lucru pentru dumneavoastră

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إذا احتجت إلى هذه النشرة بلغة أخرى، أو بتنسيق يسهل الوصول إليه، يرجى التحدث إلى أحد الموظفين لترتيب ذلك لك.

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What is a Non-Medical Prescriber (NMP)?

A Non-Medical Prescriber is a registered healthcare professional who has undertaken further training, allowing them to prescribe medications to patients within their field of expertise.

Who Can be an NMP?

Nurses and Allied Health Professionals (Dietitians, Chiropodists/ Podiatrists, Pharmacists, Physiotherapists and Radiographers) that have been trained to prescribe are allowed to do so, they must only prescribe medicines that are within their area of expertise.

The training required to be a NMP is in addition to their main qualification and includes a programme of assessments and examinations, for example: the legal and ethical aspects of prescribing medicines.

All NMP's in the trust must evidence that they are keeping up to date with their prescribing practice by completing annual updates.

Will there be any difference between a doctor prescribing and an NMP?

No: You can expect the NMP to go through the same procedure and ask the same questions as a doctor would. An NMP should never prescribe for you if they feel they are not competent to do so. This may be because your condition is outside their area of expertise, in such instances they will refer you to a prescriber who specialises in your condition.

How can I be confident that a NMP can prescribe safely?

In line with Standards of Conduct, Ethics and Performance or pharmacy professionals (The Code of Professional Conduct), all pharmacists including those with prescribing qualifications have a duty to remain competent by keeping their knowledge and skills up to date.

Nurses with prescribing qualifications must also adhere to the Royal Pharmaceutical Society Framework as part of their Professional Code of Conduct with the Nursing and Midwifery Council.

All NMP's have a duty to remain competent by keeping their knowledge and skills up to date.

As employers we also have a responsibility to ensure that NMP's undertake the relevant training and development, so that their knowledge and skills remain up to date.