

**PATIENT GROUP DIRECTION (PGD)**  
**Pharmacist or Nurse Supply for Administration of**  
**Levonorgestrel**  
**For Emergency Hormonal Contraception (EHC) in**  
**Primary Care in Gloucestershire**  
 Developed in partnership with the Sexual Health Service (Gloucestershire)

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## 1. PGD template development and authorisation

This PGD has been developed and authorised for use by the following health professionals on behalf of NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (GCCG) and Gloucester County Council (GCC):

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This document has been written and authorised on the understanding that it remains in its entirety with no additions, omissions or alterations.

All information contained within this document was correct at the time of going to press. It is acknowledged that systems and processes change over time and that new drugs may be introduced. As licences vary, if a new brand is introduced it will not necessarily be covered within its corresponding PGD. If there are changes to practice, or the need for more PGDs to be developed, please contact the Head of Medicine Management at NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

This PGD has been peer reviewed by the GCCG PGD Working Group

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## 2. Organisational authorisations

This PGD is not legally valid until it has had the relevant organisational authorisation. It is the responsibility of the organisation that has legal authority to authorise the PGD, to ensure that all legal and governance requirements are met. The authorising body accepts governance responsibility for the appropriate use of the PGD. The signatories above in section 1 authorise this PGD for use by practitioners as outlined below

<b>Gloucestershire County Council/NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group</b>
authorises this PGD for use by the services or providers listed below:
Practitioners who are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contracted through a current signed Service Specification with Gloucestershire County Council for the provision of Advanced Contraceptive Services in Community Pharmacy and act in accordance with the requirements of this specification.</li> <li>Practice Nurses within Gloucestershire (where PGD has been adopted by the surgery)</li> </ul>
Limitations to authorisation
This patient group direction (PGD) must only be used by the registered healthcare practitioners identified in Section 3 who have been named by their organisation to practice under it. The most recent in-date final version authorised by Gloucestershire County Council and NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group must be used.

Any concerns regarding the content of this PGD should be addressed to: [glccg.medicines@nhs.net](mailto:glccg.medicines@nhs.net)

Section 7 provides a registered health professional authorisation sheet. Individual professionals must be authorised by name to work to this PGD. Alternative authorisation sheets/templates may be used where appropriate in accordance with local policy

### 3. Characteristics of staff

<b>Qualifications and professional registration</b>	Registered Professional E.g. RN with current NMC registration, or pharmacist registered as a practising pharmacist with GPhC GB.
<b>Initial training</b>	<p>All practitioners must have read and understood, and act in accordance with appropriate professional guidance: e.g.:</p> <p>The Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulations Agency 2017  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/patient-group-directions-pgds/patient-group-directions-who-can-use-them">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/patient-group-directions-pgds/patient-group-directions-who-can-use-them</a></p> <p>The NMC Code of professional standards of practice and behaviour for nurses, midwives and nursing associates (updated 2018)  <a href="https://www.nmc.org.uk/standards/code/">https://www.nmc.org.uk/standards/code/</a>,</p> <p><u>Professional guidance on the safe and secure handling of medicines</u>, developed by NMC and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society (GB)(RPharmS) <u>GPhC Standards for pharmacy professionals</u></p> <p>In addition, all practitioners must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sign the signature sheet for the PGD.</li> <li>• Have undertaken appropriate training to carry out clinical assessment of patient leading to the provision of EHC according to the indications listed within this PGD (e.g. HEE <u>E- Learning for Healthcare</u> modules 3 and 4; see references)</li> <li>• Be able to demonstrate competencies and be up to date with current contraceptive methods and research (may be self-directed).</li> <li>• Have completed self-directed training on safeguarding (e.g. CPPE modules on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).</li> </ul> <p>Pharmacists must also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have completed and submitted a declaration of competence (DOC) (uploaded to PharmOutcomes)</li> <li>• Meet the training requirements specified in the Service Specification for Advanced Contraceptive Services in Community Pharmacy * see footnote);</li> </ul> <p><u>Foot note *</u>  At the time of revision, the GCC Service Specification for Advanced Contraceptive Services in Community Pharmacy stated the information below with regard to training requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Have an up to date Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE) Declaration of Competence (DOCs) for emergency contraception; and ensure they are reaccredited every two years;</i></li> <li>2. <i>Attend a face to face CPPE Emergency Contraception event at least every four years;</i></li> <li>3. <i>Have completed the following CPPE modules:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Consultation skills for pharmacy practice</i></li> <li>○ <i>Contraception</i></li> <li>○ <i>Emergency contraception</i></li> <li>○ <i>Sexual health in pharmacies</i></li> <li>○ <i>Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults: Level 2</i></li> <li>○ <i>Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults: a guide for the pharmacy team or level 2 safeguarding or the equivalent</i></li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">Continued</p>

<b>Initial training</b> (continued)	4. <i>Attend a face to face local safeguarding training event covering children and vulnerable adults at least every four years. Please check current Service Specification for the most up to date information</i>
<b>Competency assessment</b>	<p>Staff operating under this PGD are encouraged to review their competency using the <a href="#">NICE Competency Framework for health professionals using patient group directions</a></p> <p>For the most up to date guidance please refer to sexual &amp; reproductive health website <a href="http://www.fsrh.org">www.fsrh.org</a></p> <p><b>Individuals operating under this PGD are personally responsible for ensuring they remain up to date with the use of all medicines included in the PGD - if any training needs are identified these should be discussed with the senior individual responsible for authorising individuals to act under the PGD and further training provided as required.</b></p>
<b>Ongoing training and competency</b>	<p>Pharmacists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Have an up to date Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education (CPPE) Declaration of Competence (DOCs) for emergency contraception; and ensure they are reaccredited every two years;</i></li> <li>• <i>Attend a face to face CPPE Emergency Contraception event at least every four years;</i></li> <li>• <i>Attend a face to face local safeguarding training event covering children and vulnerable adults at least every four years</i></li> </ul> <p>Nurses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Be able to demonstrate competencies and be up to date with current contraceptive methods and research (may be self-directed).</i></li> </ul>
<b><i>The decision to supply any medication rests with the individual registered health professional who must abide by the PGD and any associated organisation policies.</i></b>	

#### 4. Clinical condition or situation to which this PGD applies

<b>Clinical condition or situation to which this PGD applies</b>	<p>To reduce the risk of pregnancy after unprotected sexual intercourse (UPI) or regular non-hormonal contraception has been compromised or used incorrectly.</p> <p><b>For choice of emergency contraceptive method refer to FSRH emergency contraception decision making algorithm</b>  <a href="https://www.fsrh.org/standards-and-guidance/documents/ceu-clinical-guidance-emergency-contraception-march-2017/">https://www.fsrh.org/standards-and-guidance/documents/ceu-clinical-guidance-emergency-contraception-march-2017/</a> amended Dec 2020 (also Appendix 2 at the end of the PGD – ensure using the latest by checking <a href="#">FSRH website</a>)</p>
<b>Criteria for inclusion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Female of reproductive age 13 years or over (Where those aged 13 to 15 years are Fraser competent) presenting for emergency contraception within 96 hours of unprotected sexual intercourse (UPI) or when regular non-hormonal contraception has been compromised or used incorrectly.</li> <li>• <b>and</b> who has no contraindications to the medication.</li> <li>• <b>and</b> informed consent given.</li> <li>• <b>and</b> when a copper IUD has been discussed and accepted or declined (see below where IUD not immediately available) (Patients who have already been treated but who vomited dose within 3 hours and attend for re-treatment)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">Continued</p>

<p><b>Criteria for inclusion</b> (continued)</p>	<p>Levonorgestrel emergency contraception may be repeated if a woman has already received Levonorgestrel emergency contraception earlier in the same menstrual cycle.</p> <p>If IUD not immediately available, continue to supply and refer to appropriate health service provider</p> <p>Note: Where clients are believed to be under 16 years of age (and at least 13 years or over) they must be assessed using Fraser guidelines and the relevant pro-forma completed (Appendix 3 at the end of the PGD)</p> <p>If there are safeguarding concerns regarding the Client, refer to the guidance on <a href="#">G-Care website</a> or contact safeguarding team (details below on Fraser check list Appendix 3)</p>
<p><b>Criteria for exclusion</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Informed consent not given.</li> <li>• Less than 13 years of age; refer to GP or sexual health service for further advice (Tel. 0300 421 6500; <a href="http://www.hopehouse.nhs.uk">www.hopehouse.nhs.uk</a>)</li> <li>• Consider any safeguarding issues; and report as necessary.</li> <li>• More than 96 hours since most recent UPSI</li> <li>• Known or suspected pregnancy. <u>Please note:</u> A previous episode of UPSI in this cycle is not an exclusion criterion - consider pregnancy test if more than three weeks after UPSI and no normal menstrual period</li> <li>• Individual under 16 years of age and assessed as not competent using Fraser guidelines</li> <li>• Individual 16 years of age and over and assessed as not competent to consent</li> <li>• Less than 21 days following childbirth</li> <li>• Less than 5 days following abortion, miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy or uterine evacuation for gestational trophoblastic disease</li> <li>• Less than 5 days following ingestion of Ulipristal emergency contraception. (Patient could have Ulipristal in this circumstance, see Ulipristal PGD)</li> <li>• Known hypersensitivity to the active ingredient or to any component of the product - see <a href="#">Summary of Product Characteristics</a></li> <li>• Unexplained vaginal bleeding</li> <li>• Inability to swallow tablets</li> <li>• Client's choice not to receive Levonorgestrel</li> <li>• Acute porphyria.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Cautions including any relevant action to be taken</b></p>	<p><b>General:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All individuals should be informed that insertion of a copper intrauterine device (Cu-IUD) within five days of UPSI or within five days from earliest estimated ovulation is the most effective method of emergency contraception. If a Cu-IUD is appropriate and acceptable supply oral EC and refer to the appropriate health service provider.</li> <li>• Ulipristal acetate can delay ovulation until closer to the time of ovulation than levonorgestrel. Consider ulipristal if the individual presents in the five days leading up to estimated day of ovulation. (see exclusion section above for Levonorgestrel)</li> <li>• Levonorgestrel is ineffective if taken after ovulation.</li> <li>• If individual vomits within three hours from ingestion, a repeat dose may be given.</li> <li>• Individuals using enzyme-inducing drugs/herbal products or within 4 weeks of stopping them - see dose frequency section.</li> <li>• Body Mass Index (BMI) &gt;26kg/m<sup>2</sup> or weight &gt;70kg – individuals should be advised that though oral EC methods may be safely used, a high BMI may reduce the effectiveness. A Cu-IUD should be recommended as the most effective method of EC. If levonorgestrel is to be given see dosage section.</li> <li>• Consideration should be given to the current disease status of those with severe malabsorption syndromes, such as acute/active inflammatory bowel disease or Crohn’s disease. Although the use of levonorgestrel is not contra-indicated it may be less effective and so these individuals should be advised that insertion of Cu-IUD would be the most effective emergency contraception for them and referred accordingly if agreed.</li> <li>• If the individual is less than 16 years of age an assessment based on Fraser guidelines must be made and documented.</li> <li>• If the individual is less than 13 years of age the healthcare professional should speak to local safeguarding lead and follow the local safeguarding policy.</li> <li>• If the individual has not yet reached menarche, consider onward referral for further assessment or investigation.</li> <li>• Any patient requesting EHC who does not fit the inclusion criteria – refer to doctor;</li> <li>• Discuss with appropriate doctor or independent non-medical prescriber any medical condition or medication of which the practitioner is unsure</li> </ul>
<p><b>Action to be taken if the patient is excluded</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patients who are excluded under this PGD should be referred to GP or sexual health service for further advice (Tel. 0300 421 6500; <a href="http://www.hopehouse.nhs.uk">www.hopehouse.nhs.uk</a>)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Action to be taken if the patient or carer declines treatment</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patients who decline treatment should have the consequences of this decision explained (a child who is considered to be Fraser Competent can also refuse consent providing it is clear they understand consequences of refusal following an appropriate risk assessment; e.g. Appendix 3)</li> <li>• Document refusal or informed dissent</li> <li>• Refer to GP or sexual health service for further advice (Tel. 0300 421 6500; <a href="http://www.hopehouse.nhs.uk">www.hopehouse.nhs.uk</a>)</li> </ul> <p><b>NB</b> Adults are classified as 18 years of age or over</p>

<b>Arrangements for referral for medical advice</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contact the Sexual Health Service doctor on call if more information or advice is required (Sexual Health Services Booking Line:0300 421 6500); or when further sexual health or contraceptive follow up is required</li> </ul> <p>Sexual health services are provided from Hope House at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital and from The Milsom Centre 8 Milsom St, Cheltenham GL50 4BA.</p> <p>There are also community sexual health clinics situated across the county which patients may be triaged into by the sexual health team, if appropriate. For up to date information on local sexual health services, patients should be directed to <a href="http://www.hopehouse.nhs.uk">www.hopehouse.nhs.uk</a></p> <p>Pregnancy Advisory Service: The Pregnancy Advisory Service is based at Hope House in Gloucester Royal Hospital and offers support for women who have become pregnant and are unsure of what to do. <a href="https://www.hopehouse.nhs.uk/pregnancy-advice/">https://www.hopehouse.nhs.uk/pregnancy-advice/</a> 0300 421 6532.</p>
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## 5. Description of treatment

<b>Name, strength &amp; formulation of drug</b>	Levonorgestrel
<b>Legal category</b>	P or POM
<b>Route / method of administration</b>	Oral - self administration
<b>Off-label use</b>	<p>Best practice advice given by Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare (FSRH) is used for guidance in this PGD and may vary from the <u>Summary of Product Characteristics</u> (SPC).</p> <p>This PGD includes off-label use in the following conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use between 72 and 96 hours post UPSI</li> <li>Increased dose for individuals with BMI over 26kg/m<sup>2</sup> or weight over 70kg and in individuals using liver enzyme inducing agent</li> <li>Severe hepatic impairment</li> <li>Individuals with previous salpingitis or ectopic pregnancy</li> <li>Lapp-lactase deficiency</li> <li>Hereditary problems of galactose intolerance</li> <li>Glucose-galactose malabsorption</li> </ul> <p>Drugs should be stored according to the conditions detailed in the Storage section in this table. However, in the event of an inadvertent or unavoidable deviation of these conditions the local pharmacy or Medicines Management team must be consulted. Where drugs have been assessed by pharmacy/Medicines Management in accordance with national or specific product recommendations as appropriate for continued use this would constitute off-label administration under this PGD. The responsibility for the decision to release the affected drugs for use lies with pharmacy/Medicines Management.</p> <p>Where a drug is recommended off-label consider, as part of the consent process, informing the individual/parent/carer that the drug is being offered in accordance with national guidance but that this is outside the product licence</p>



<b>Dose and frequency of administration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Levonorgestrel 1500mcg (1 tablet) to be taken as soon as possible up to 96 hours of UPSI.</li> <li><b>Dose for those individuals taking enzyme inducing medicines or herbal products:</b> An individual who requests levonorgestrel whilst using enzyme-inducing drugs, or within 4 weeks of stopping them, can be advised to take a total of 3mg levonorgestrel (two 1500mcg tablets) as a single dose and within 96 hours of UPSI.</li> <li><b>Dose for those individuals with a body mass index of more than 26kg/m<sup>2</sup> or who weigh more than 70kg:</b> An individual who requests levonorgestrel with a body mass index of more than 26kg/m<sup>2</sup> or who weighs more than 70kg can be offered a total of 3mg levonorgestrel (two 1500mcg tablets) as a single dose and within 96 hours of UPSI.</li> </ul>
<b>Duration of treatment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A single dose is permitted under this PGD.</li> <li>If vomiting occurs within 3 hours of levonorgestrel being taken a repeat dose can be supplied under this PGD.</li> <li>Repeated doses can be given within the same cycle. Please note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If within 7 days of previous levonorgestrel offer levonorgestrel again (not ulipristal)</li> <li>If within 5 days of ulipristal then offer ulipristal again (not levonorgestrel)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Quantity to be supplied</b>	Single dose (see above)
<b>Storage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Store in a cool, secure dry place below 25 °C</li> <li>Store out of direct sunlight</li> <li>Use only within expiry date</li> </ul>
<b>Drug interactions</b>	See exclusion criteria and cautions sections above along with the flow chart at the end of this PGD A detailed list of drug interactions is available in the <a href="#">SmPC</a>
<b>Identification &amp; management of adverse reactions</b>	If vomiting occurs within 3 hours: the dose will need to be repeated.  If an adverse reaction occurs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stop treatment</li> <li>Inform patient's GP, OOH's GP or emergency services as soon as possible</li> <li>Document details</li> <li>Give patient advice on how to manage and recognise adverse reactions</li> </ul> Common undesirable effects are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gastro-intestinal disturbances (including nausea and vomiting)</li> <li>Abdominal pain and discomfort</li> <li>Dizziness</li> <li>Headache</li> <li>Fatigue</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">Continued</p>

<b>Identification &amp; management of adverse reactions (Continued)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mood changes</li> <li>• Breast tenderness</li> <li>• Menstrual irregularities</li> <li>• Pelvic pain</li> <li>• Myalgia</li> <li>• Back pain</li> <li>• A detailed list of adverse reactions is available in the SPC, which is available from the electronic Medicines Compendium website: <a href="http://www.medicines.org.uk">www.medicines.org.uk</a></li> </ul>
<b>Management of and reporting procedure for adverse reactions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthcare professionals and patients/carers are encouraged to report suspected adverse reactions to the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) using the Yellow Card reporting scheme on: <a href="https://yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk">https://yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk</a></li> <li>• Record all adverse drug reactions (ADRs) in the patient's medical record.</li> <li>• Report via organisation incident policy.</li> </ul>
<b>Written information to be given to patient or carer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that a patient information leaflet (PIL) is provided within the original pack.</li> </ul>
<b>Patient advice / follow up treatment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All methods of emergency contraception should be discussed. All individuals should be informed that fitting a Cu-IUD within five days of UPSI or within five days from the earliest estimated ovulation is the most effective method of emergency contraception.</li> <li>• When the Cu-IUD is appropriate and acceptable but not immediately available, continue to supply EHC and refer to appropriate health service provider (GP or Sexual Health Service)</li> <li>• If vomiting occurs within three hours of taking the dose, the individual should return for another dose.</li> <li>• Explain that menstrual disturbances can occur after the use of emergency hormonal contraception.</li> <li>• Provide advice on ongoing contraceptive methods, including how these can be accessed.</li> <li>• Repeated episodes of UPSI within one menstrual cycle - the dose may be repeated more than once in the same menstrual cycle should the need occur.</li> <li>• Individuals using hormonal contraception should restart their regular hormonal contraception immediately. Avoidance of pregnancy risk (i.e. use of condoms or abstain from intercourse) should be advised until fully effective.</li> <li>• Advise a pregnancy test three weeks after treatment especially if the expected period is delayed by more than seven days or abnormal (e.g. shorter or lighter than usual), or if using hormonal contraception which may affect bleeding pattern.</li> <li>• Promote the use of condoms to protect against sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and advise on the possible need for screening for STIs.</li> <li>• There is no evidence of harm if someone becomes pregnant in a cycle when they had used emergency hormonal contraception.</li> <li>• Mode of action of Levonorgestrel and efficacy</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">Continued</p>

<p><b>Patient advice / follow up treatment</b> (continued)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advise that oral EHC may be less effective if patient has a higher weight of greater than 70kg or BMI greater than 26kg/m<sup>2</sup> despite 3mg Levonorgestrel dose or Ulipristal used. If weight of greater than 85kg or BMI greater than 30kg/m<sup>2</sup>, advise patient that it is not known which is more effective</li> <li>• Advise that oral EHC is ineffective if given after ovulation</li> <li>• Advise about the risks including failure rates and serious side effects and actions taken</li> <li>• Potential side effects as listed</li> <li>• Advise that oral EHC methods do not provide ongoing contraception</li> <li>• Discuss ongoing contraception and provide written advice on all methods</li> <li>• Direct to Hope House sexual health services website and FPA leaflet on emergency contraception <a href="http://www.hopehouse.nhs.uk">http://www.hopehouse.nhs.uk</a></li> <li>• Ensure the individual has contact details of contraceptive /sexual health services</li> </ul> <p>If quick starting contraception refer to FSRH guidance and to use barrier contraception for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 days: progestogen only pills (POP)</li> <li>• 7 days: combined hormonal methods including pills (COC), patch, vaginal ring;</li> <li>9 days: Qlaira</li> </ul> <p><b>Over 16s can order free STI testing kits via the Hope House website: <a href="http://www.hopehouse.nhs.uk">www.hopehouse.nhs.uk</a> (posted out discreetly wrapped). Under 16s should be advised to contact Hope House for STI testing.</b></p> <p><b>If any sexually transmitted infection is suspected direct patient to their GP or the Sexual Health Service (<a href="http://www.hopehouse.nhs.uk">www.hopehouse.nhs.uk</a>; call 0300 421 6500)</b></p>
<p><b>Records</b></p>	<p><b>Pharmacists should inform individuals how their personal data will be stored and used.</b></p> <p>A record of administration / supply should be made on patient clinical/medication record/PharmOutcomes. This should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name or clinic number and date of birth</li> <li>• that valid informed consent was given – if individual is under 16 years document that they meet Fraser Guidelines</li> <li>• Date of last menstrual period and hours since UPSI</li> <li>• Date and time of administration/supply</li> <li>• Name of drug</li> <li>• Dose, form and route of supply/administration</li> <li>• Quantity supplied/administered</li> <li>• Frequency</li> <li>• Route of administration</li> <li>• Batch number and expiry date</li> <li>• Side effects (if any)</li> <li>• Contra-indications and medical advice</li> <li>• Referral arrangements</li> <li>• name of registered health professional</li> <li>• Address</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• advice given, including advice given if excluded or declines treatment</li> <li>• details of any adverse drug reactions and actions taken</li> <li>• supplied via Patient Group Direction (PGD)</li> <li>• Signature or computerised entry recorded by the practitioner working under this PGD (using an individual protected password)</li> <li>• <b>Complete a Fraser Guidelines assessment form for all individuals under 16 years</b> (Appendix 3)</li> </ul> <p>Records should be signed and dated (or a password-controlled e-records).</p> <p>All records should be clear, legible and contemporaneous.</p> <p>A record of all individuals receiving treatment under this PGD should also be kept for audit purposes in accordance with local policy.</p>
<b>Consent</b>	<p>All women for whom treatment is proposed should give their valid consent to treatment at the time of administration. Written consent or documented verbal consent must be obtained before the supply of Levonorgestrel. A record of consent must be maintained for all patients.</p> <p>For consent to be valid, the patient or person with parental responsibility must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be competent to take the particular decision</li> <li>• have received sufficient information to take it</li> <li>• not be acting under duress</li> </ul> <p><b>Anybody aged 18 years or over (adult)</b> is assumed to be capable of making decisions unless there is reasonable doubt.</p> <p><b>Anybody aged 16 years or 17 years (young person)</b> is also assumed to be capable of making decisions unless there is reasonable doubt.</p> <p>If the requirements for valid consent are met, it is not legally necessary to obtain consent from the person with parental responsibility for the young person. It is however good practice to involve the young person's family in the decision-making process, unless the young person specifically wishes to exclude them. If a person aged 16 or 17 years gives valid consent to treatment the person with parental responsibility cannot override that consent.</p> <p><b>Anybody less than 16 years of age (child)</b> is not automatically assumed to be capable of making decisions. That capacity to make decisions is related to their maturity and level of understanding in relation to each decision, rather than their age.</p> <p><b>For inclusion in PGDs for contraception only-</b> 'Children under 16 years of age who are considered competent in accordance with the Fraser Guidelines and understands fully what is involved in their proposed procedure can give valid consent and additional consent by a person with parental responsibility is not required. The decision of a competent child to accept treatment can then not be over-ridden by the person with parental responsibility for the child. It is however good practice to involve the child's parents in the decision-making process but take into account the wishes of a competent child about that involvement.</p>

	<p>The refusal of treatment by a patient less than 18 years of age might be overruled even if he/she is competent, if the treatment is deemed in his/her best interest.</p> <p>Anyone who lacks capacity is treated in his or her best interests.</p> <p>Only people with ‘parental responsibility’ are entitled to give consent on behalf of their children until they achieve Fraser competence.</p> <p>For young people and children aged 16 and below it is recommended when possible to involve the person with parental authority in the decision regarding consent</p> <p>Healthcare professionals need to carefully document the consent that is obtained (Appendix 3). Any queries need to be discussed with an experienced colleague or sexual health services.</p> <p>For further guidance please refer to the Department of Health document consent for examination or treatment (second edition) DH 2009. Gateway reference 11911  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/138296/dh_103653_1.pdf">https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/138296/dh_103653_1.pdf</a></p> <p>GPhC guidance on consent (latest)  <a href="https://www.pharmacyregulation.org/search/site/consent">https://www.pharmacyregulation.org/search/site/consent</a></p>
<p><b>Records for Community Pharmacy (to also allow audit trail)</b></p>	<p>The EHC proforma must be completed (whether EHC is supplied or not) via PharmOutcomes. Claims are triggered (or generated) via PharmOutcomes proforma.</p> <p><i>Patient medical records must be kept for 8 years, or if under 16 years until aged 25.</i></p> <p><b>Complete a Fraser Guidelines’ assessment form for all individuals under 16 years</b> (Appendix 3)</p>

## 6. Key references

<p><b>Key references</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electronic Medicines Compendium <a href="http://www.medicines.org.uk/">http://www.medicines.org.uk/</a></li> <li>• Electronic BNF <a href="https://bnf.nice.org.uk/">https://bnf.nice.org.uk/</a></li> <li>• NICE Medicines practice guideline “Patient Group Directions” <a href="https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/mpg2">https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/mpg2</a></li> <li>• FSRH clinical guidance: <a href="http://www.fsrh.org">www.fsrh.org</a></li> <li>• FRSR Quick Start Clinical Guideline <a href="https://www.fsrh.org/standards-and-guidance/documents/fsrh-clinical-guidance-quick-starting-contraception-april-2017/">https://www.fsrh.org/standards-and-guidance/documents/fsrh-clinical-guidance-quick-starting-contraception-april-2017/</a></li> <li>• NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group Policies</li> <li>• The Human Medicines Regulations 2012 <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2012/1916/schedule/16/part/1/made">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2012/1916/schedule/16/part/1/made</a></li> <li>• Medicines Healthcare products Regulation Agency Guidance <a href="#">Patient Group Directions and who can use them (2017)</a></li> <li>• The NMC Code of professional standards of practice and behaviour for nurses, midwives and nursing associates (updated 2018) <a href="https://www.nmc.org.uk/standards/code/">https://www.nmc.org.uk/standards/code/</a>,</li> <li>• <a href="#">Professional guidance on the safe and secure handling of medicines</a>, developed by NMC and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society (GB)(RPS)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Professional guidance on the administration of medicines in healthcare settings</a> developed by the Royal College of Nursing</li> </ul>
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	<p>(RCN) and RPS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Advisory guidance on administration of medicines by nursing associates</a> from Health Education England</li><li>• (The Nursing and Midwifery Council: Standards for Medicines Management 2007 were withdrawn in Jan 2019)</li><li>• The latest GPhC Standards for pharmacy professionals (<a href="http://www.pharmacyregulation.org/standards">http://www.pharmacyregulation.org/standards</a>)</li><li>• FSRH CEU Guidance: Drug Interactions with Hormonal Contraception (January 2017, last reviewed 2019) <a href="https://www.fsrh.org/standards-and-guidance/documents/ceu-clinical-guidance-drug-interactions-with-hormonal/">https://www.fsrh.org/standards-and-guidance/documents/ceu-clinical-guidance-drug-interactions-with-hormonal/</a></li><li>• E- Learning for Healthcare; Sexual and Reproductive Health <a href="https://www.e-lfh.org.uk/programmes/sexual-and-reproductive-healthcare/">https://www.e-lfh.org.uk/programmes/sexual-and-reproductive-healthcare/</a> (Module 3. Contraceptive Choices and Module 4. Emergency Contraception)</li><li>• SPS website <a href="https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/reproductive-health-patient-group-direction-pgd-templates/">https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/reproductive-health-patient-group-direction-pgd-templates/</a></li></ul>
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## 7. Registered health professional authorisation sheet

**PGD Name/Version:** Levonorgestrel (v1)    **Valid from:** 1/10/21    **Expiry:** 30/09/2023

Before signing this PGD, check that the document has had the necessary authorisations (Section 2). Without these, this PGD is not lawfully valid. **Please note:** All practitioners using the PGD should retain a 'fully signed' copy for their personal use/files

### Registered health professional

By signing this patient group direction, you are indicating that you agree to its contents and that you will work within it. Patient group directions do not remove inherent professional obligations or accountability.

It is the responsibility of each professional to practise only within the bounds of their own competence and professional code of conduct. Tasks under this PGD cannot be delegated to anyone else.

If this is an update or replacement PGD please ensure that all older versions are withdrawn from use with immediate effect. It is your responsibility to make sure you are using the current version.

The most recent versions of PGDs can be accessed via [CCG LIVE](#)

I confirm that I have read and understood the content of this Patient Group Direction and that I am willing and competent to work to it within my professional code of conduct.				
Name (print)	GPhC reg. no.	Date of EHC training	Signature	Date

**Note to provider authorising manager:** Score through unused rows in the list of registered health professionals to prevent additions post managerial authorisation.

This authorisation sheet should be retained to serve as a record of those registered health professionals authorised to work under this PGD.

### Provider authorising manager

<p>I confirm that the registered health professionals named above have declared themselves suitably trained and competent to work under this PGD. I give authorisation on behalf of</p> <p>..... (insert name of organisation)</p> <p>..... (insert address of organisation) for the</p> <p><b>above-named health care professionals who have signed the PGD to work under it.</b></p>			
Name	Designation	Signature	Date

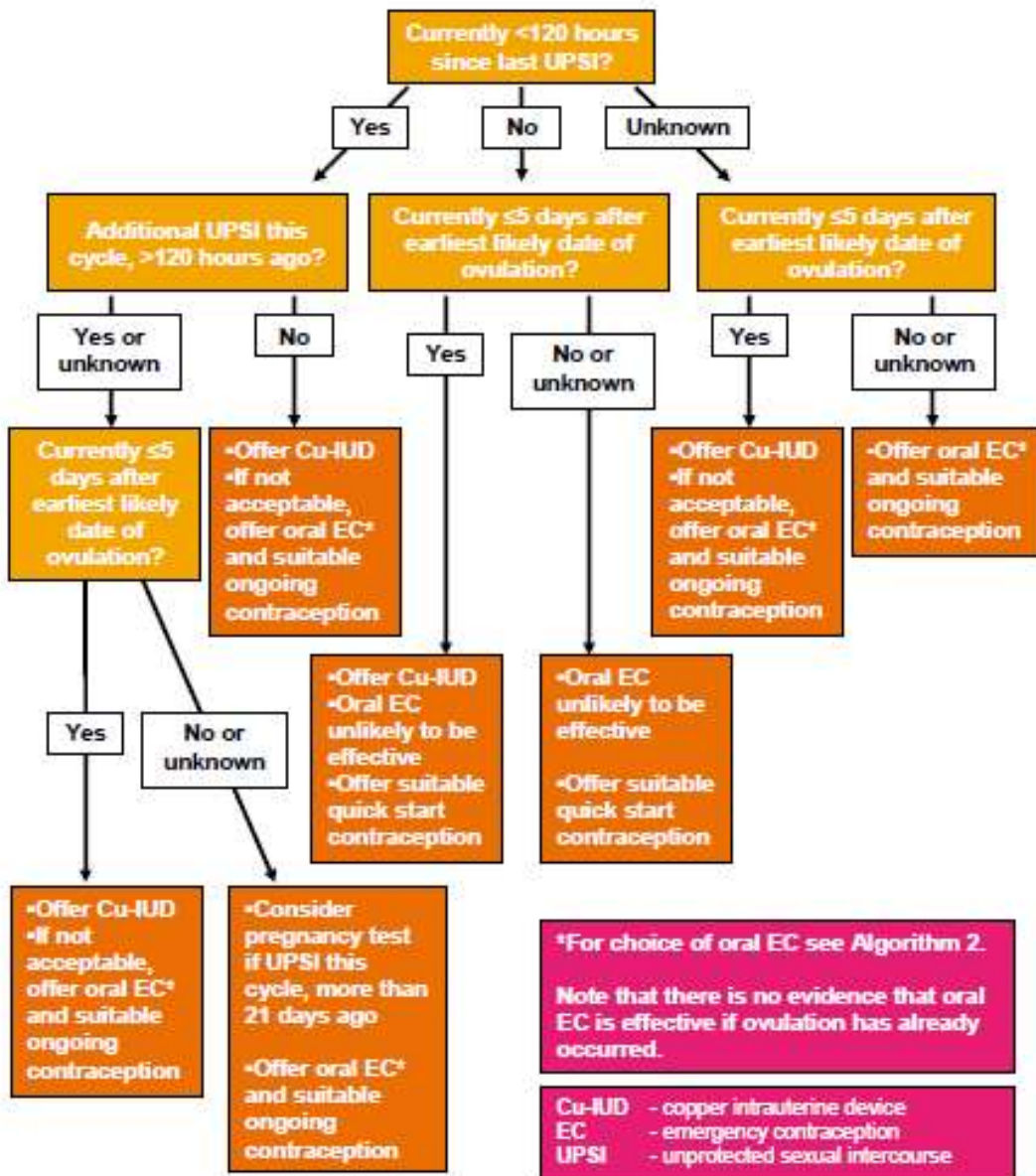
### To Pharmacy Contractor:

- Please retain one completed copy of this page for your files.
- Please email one scanned copy of this completed page  
**To [publichealth@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:publichealth@gloucestershire.gov.uk)** Please mark emails "FAO Vikki Clarke - EHC"



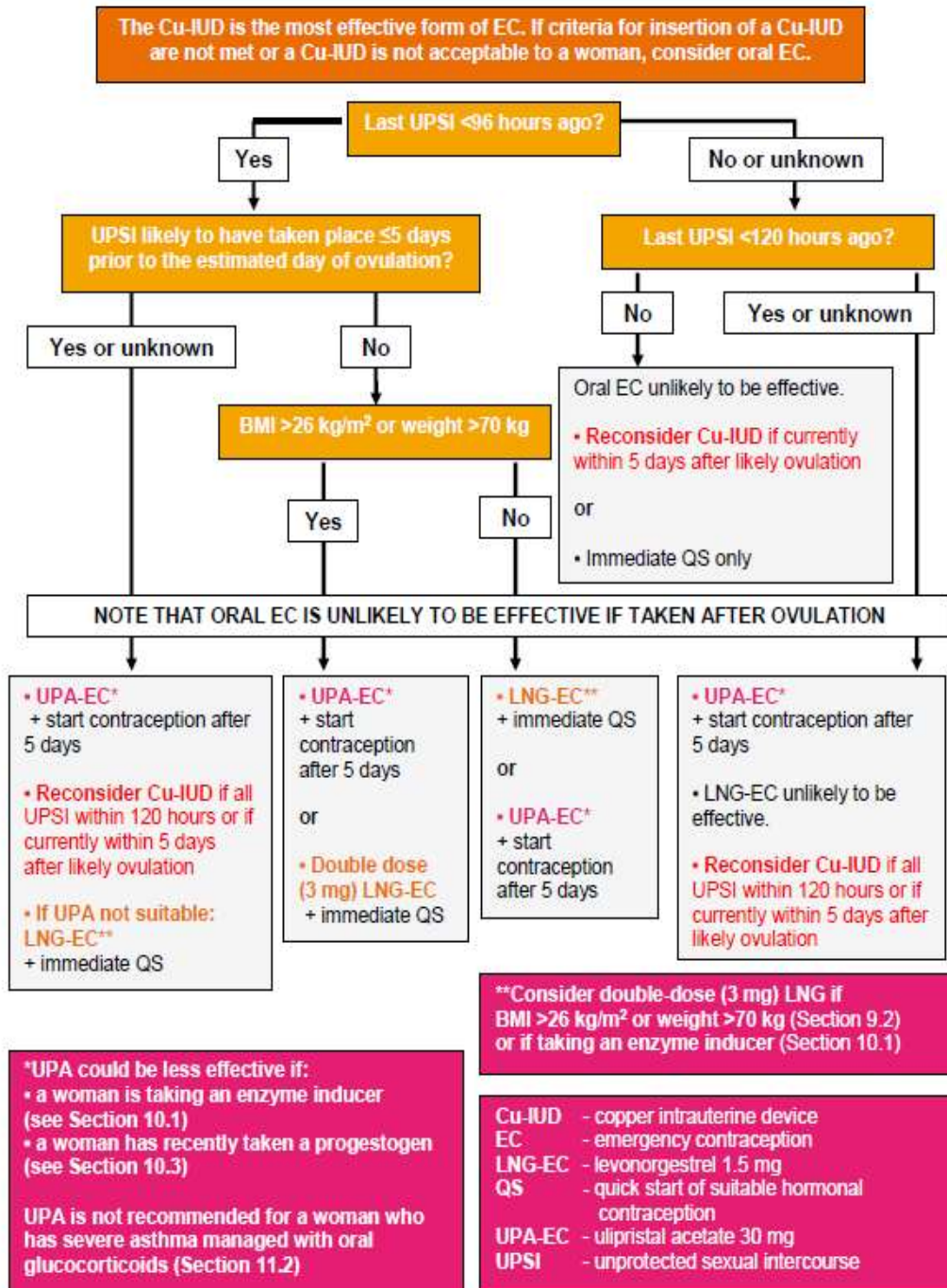
**Decision-making Algorithms for Emergency Contraception**

**Algorithm 1: Decision-making Algorithm for Emergency Contraception (EC):  
Copper Intrauterine Device (Cu-IUD) vs Oral EC**





Algorithm 2: Decision-making Algorithm for Oral Emergency Contraception (EC): Levonorgestrel EC (LNG-EC) vs Ulipristal Acetate EC (UPA-EC)



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### Appendix 3: Fraser Guidelines Questionnaire (relating to contraception)

1. The young person understands the advice being given.
2. The young person cannot be convinced to involve parents/carers or allow the medical practitioner to do so on their behalf.
3. It is likely that the young person will begin or continue having intercourse with or without treatment/contraception.
4. Unless he or she receives treatment/contraception their physical or mental health (or both) is likely to suffer.
5. The young person's best interests require contraceptive advice, treatment or supplies to be given without parental consent.

### COMMUNITY PHARMACY LOCALLY ENHANCED SERVICES FOR CLIENTS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO BE UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE

Any Pharmacy Staff having a discussion with the young person should gently explore the following issues at each consultation. This should be fully documented and should include an assessment of the young person's maturity, and whether they are acting voluntarily.

YOUR ASSESSMENT OF FRASER	YES	NO
Understanding of advice given		
<i>e.g. understands the service they are accessing; understands what actions they need to take during or following access to the service.</i>		
<b>Notes:</b> (please record discussion)		
Encouraged to involve parent / carer		
<i>e.g. client not prepared to talk to parent/carer at this time but will try to do so in due course. May be able to discuss with another responsible adult. Any coercion?</i>		
<b>Notes:</b>		
The effect of physical or mental health of young person if advice / treatment withheld		
<i>e.g. advice/ treatment/ service is needed now, to ensure their wellbeing.</i>		
<b>Notes:</b>		
Action in the best interest of the young person		
<i>E.g. providing the professional service/ advice at this time is in the best interest of the client, regardless of parental consent.</i>		
<b>Notes:</b>		

If the answer to each of these questions is 'YES' then the service may be supplied.

If a child is not competent to give consent i.e. a 'NO' to the questions, you should seek consent from a person with "parental responsibility" (this will often, but not always, be the child's parent/ carer).

Pharmacist's/ Staff member's Signature: .....

Date: .....

Client's Name .....

Service Provided .....

Please retain this completed document for your record /service file – electronically or as hard copy

Safeguarding Team contact details:

- Adult safeguarding: 01452 426868 [Socialcare.eng@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:Socialcare.eng@gloucestershire.gov.uk)
- Children's safeguarding: 01452 42 6565 [childrenshelpdesk@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:childrenshelpdesk@gloucestershire.gov.uk)