

Issues of medications including new or repeats or medications suggested/prescribed by non NHS personnel (i.e. private)

(Important notice)

Dear Patient

Like with any other GP surgery or other NHS centre, at the Upper Norwood Group Practice, we are very careful regarding the medications that are prescribed to you.

We would like to explain the following:

New Patients

- 1) We advise that any new patients to the surgery who request medications (new or repeat) from the surgery should **first see the clinician** initially to discuss the actual medications e.g. if needed to continue or can be stopped.
- 2) PLEASE bring good **reliable evidence of your medication** (e.g. a repeat prescription slip with your details and your previous clinicians) especially if we do not yet have your old notes which proves the ongoing prescription of this medication(s). If you cannot provide evidence of your ongoing treatments when you see the clinician then that clinician will decide if it is appropriate for you to continue these medications or look for alternatives if needed.

Already known registered patients

- 1) For those patients we have been treating at the surgery, we are normally able to provide any known repeat prescriptions on your request.
- 2) However, we may still reserve the right not to prescribe your medications that you request due to various reasons e.g. not seen a doctor for review for several months/ any private prescriptions from any private clinician (see below)/ any medications that you have not asked for a long time e.g. several months since last script issued.

PRIVATE prescriptions

For those patients who have seen a private doctor or other health care professional (i.e. non NHS), who has either provided a **private prescription** or **suggested** a prescription to get from the GP surgery, WE MAY NOT necessarily give you this as an NHS prescription.

There are several reasons for this - This may be due to their potential hazardous side effects or non-licensing or non-funding in our local commissioning care group.

The doctor reserves the right to **not have to** give you a prescription if that doctor does not feel it is appropriate.

Please be aware that the doctors at the surgery are under **no obligation** to comply with the non-NHS/private clinicians prescribing decisions. If that is the case, you may still take your private prescriptions to the local chemist and pay for them separately.

Thankyou
Upper Norwood Group Practice