

York Road Pharmacy

60 York Rd, Peterlee, County Durham, SR8 2DP

11 November 2024

Dear Janine Richards,

Thank you for sending the Regulation 28 report regarding the death of Anthony Paul Nixon. We are very saddened to hear about the death of Mr Nixon and I would like to express our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

York Road Pharmacy is a long-established community pharmacy in Peterlee, County Durham. I am the Superintendent Pharmacist and have been here on a full-time basis for the past 5 years. Following on from my attendance at the Inquest and the receipt of the subsequent PFD report, we have considered the matters of concern and the actions to be taken to ensure this does not happen again.

We have found the Durham County Council Drug and Alcohol Service Briefing Note: October 2024 helpful in this regard. This briefing describes the flexibility provided by the standard Home Office wording on FP10(MDA) prescriptions, describes changes to the Pharmacy Treatment Agreement and provides an update on how pharmacies can contact the service.

We will endeavour at all times to implement and operate within the scope of this guidance going forward. As the guidance indicates, when Agreements are received by the pharmacy we will check that the Service has indicated the correct days of the week on which the supervised consumption service is normally available and inform the Service of any changes. We understand from the guidance on the Home Office approved wording that this is added to prescriptions to enable advance supplies on bank holidays, public holidays, or other irregular or emergency pharmacy closures and does not include advanced supplies for a regular closure of the pharmacy.

We have discussed these requirements internally and all staff are aware of the actions required and have considered the guidance fully. I have ensured that staff have fully understood the guidance and the steps we must take. The details of the

case have been discussed with the GPhC Inspector and the Local Pharmaceutical Committee Chief Officer. We are in contact the GPhC as part of their investigation and will implement any actions required as a result.

Yours sincerely,

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