

**Drugs & Therapeutics Committee**

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**To: All Joining FY1 trainees**

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**Subject: Process of Prescribing Induction to our Trust**

Dear FY1 Trainee,

Welcome to the Trust. The aim of our prescribing induction process is assurance that you are safe prescribers acting within competencies known to you. Our Trust still has written prescription charts and the safety skills we are most concerned with relate to use of these. Our aims include identifying and addressing any issues as quickly as possible with appropriate prompt feedback. You should ensure you follow each of the links like this in this document and allow at least an hour to do so.

Accordingly we wish you to be familiar with our written prescription chart which is available via an interactive module at

<http://www.ekhuffformulary.nhs.uk/docs/Chart/index.htm> . Even if you have familiarised yourself with it during previous time in the Trust, please revise this and also checkout the Trust specific new FY1 Online Prescribing Teaching Module at <http://www.ekhuffformulary.nhs.uk/docs/PrescribingExamples/> written by previous FY1s.

Stickies that are used in our current written prescription chart are at :

<https://mgdm.ekhuff.nhs.uk/document-groups/public/prescription-chart-stickers> (may not be accessible outside the Trust)

General Guidance on prescribing is in the Pharmacy Microguide at

<https://viewer.microguide.global/guide/1000000422> . This is different to the [Adult Antimicrobial Guide](#) which uses the same software and from which you could indirectly access this link by going to Trust Guides home at <https://viewer.microguide.global/EKHU>. There is also a [Drugs & Prescribing clinical page](#) on Trustnet (not accessible outside the Trust) that allows access to documents and clinical calculators. This last page like much of Trustnet will be improved during the year after recent server migration which has caused some challenges.



**Please look at these web links as soon as possible and certainly at the latest by the end of the first day of induction as it will help you with your prescribing assessment.**

This is because prescribing may be scary because of your incomplete knowledge but most mistakes are actually due to human lapse in the complex healthcare environment we all work in. If you do not make such a lapse you are super human but to minimise the impact of these you have to train yourself not to take certain dangerous shortcuts which are often accepted outside of prescribing practice such as use of ambiguous abbreviations.

Please also check out our formulary homepage at <http://www.ekhufftformulary.nhs.uk/>, especially the news section which will be updated should something change after distribution of this letter. There has been rapid change with treatment of many conditions during COVID-19 and within the Trust you can access our [FAQs on prescribing in COVID-19 on microguide](#). Also on Microguide are detailed treatment [recommendations for treating COVID-19](#). Within our formulary an useful page to be familiar with in this timeframe is <http://www.ekhufftformulary.nhs.uk/chaptersSub.asp?FormularySectionID=21> (Palliative care formulary) and you should be aware we use enoxaparin at this time as our LMWH of choice for thromboprophylaxis.

As well as your [SCRIPT](#) in year requirements you may have [Mandatory training](#) (only accessible with NHS smart card and behind NHSnet) requirements in say Insulin Prescribing to complete.

You should be aware however that during your time with us, during 2022-23, electronic prescribing using the Sunrise Clinical Manager (Sunrise CM™) is programmed for introduction but has been delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Indeed the roll out of other functionality of the system such as in electronic discharge communication and training programmes associated with it will be part of your time with us (see [lms.ekhufft.nhs.uk/moodle](https://lms.ekhufft.nhs.uk/moodle): [Log in to the site](#) - these may not be accessible outside the Trust)

The prescribing induction programme includes input from the Deanery & Foundation School (now Health Education Surrey, Sussex and Kent) in the form of a written prescribing assessment. This is separate to our in year prescribing training programme which includes SCRIPT e-learning modules.

## **Regional Prescribing Assessment**

As a new *FY1* to the Trust, you are required as part of the induction process to complete the doctors prescribing assessment. You may be joined by registered doctors who are new to the NHS. The primary aims of carrying out the assessment is to help us to identify any areas of prescribing that could affect patient safety and to support you to develop your prescribing skills. The prescribing assessment comprises of a long-answer practical assessment, carried out within the trust on induction



### *Practical Assessment*

Relevant local guidelines will be provided. **You will be required to use your smart phone to use a calculator and access the BNF. Please ensure it is adequately charged for the assessment.**

To help you become familiar with the BNF platform, information and practical questions have been created. The “BNF Familiarisation Questions” document is available on the STFS website: <https://lonkssfoundation.hee.nhs.uk/safe-prescribing>

If you do not have a smart phone please inform (prescribing lead), details are below.

There is no set pass mark for the written prescribing assessment. Instead the score obtained will be used to give an indication of your prescribing training requirements. We will also note if any actions could have resulted in significant harm to a patient.

### *Results*

The results of the assessment will be shared with the Medical Education Department and your Educational / Clinical Supervisor.

Where there are any real concerns regarding actions that could have resulted in significant harm to a patient or a low mark is achieved, the Foundation Training Programme Director in conjunction with the Trust Prescribing Lead Pharmacist will then determine what support mechanisms will be put in place.

- The Written Assessment will be at Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July at the William Harvey Hospital (WHH) & Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother Hospital (QEQMH) Medical Educational Centres.
- Please ensure you have downloaded the [BNF app](#) to your mobile phone and bring a black pen, preferably also a red pen (for entering allergy details)
- There will be training sessions before the assessment. At WHH these are planned to be by Dhurga.Chandra, Pharmacist supported by Gail Franklin, Advanced Pharmacist and at QEQMH by Tamara Abu-shams, Pharmacist supported by Mike Skerratt, Advanced Pharmacist.
- You should receive your results, coordinated by the Postgraduate Medical Centers on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August. If significant concerns are identified you may be asked in consultation with the FY1 program directors and your education/clinical supervisor to restrict aspects of your supervised prescribing until these can be rectified and reassessed. Please remember that if you have such restrictions or for that matter standard Deanery wide restrictions (such as no FY1 may prescribe (or transcribe to EDN) an immunosuppressive drug apart from steroids) you might have to explain to clinical staff that a registered prescriber with appropriate competency will



have to prescribe. Our recent experience with the feedback and special tutorial and reassessment programme we run in early August is that where FY1s are able to attend issues are very quickly addressed, even overnight. There is now evidence that by the end of the FY1 Year many doctors have optimised their safe prescribing skills and then try taking short cuts so you may have a potential role as the year progresses in detecting and supportive correction of others poor prescribing skills.

For further information see <https://lonkssfoundation.hee.nhs.uk/safe-prescribing>

If you have any questions regarding this assessment, please contact these people:  
QEQMH: Mike Skerratt, Advanced Pharmacist  
WHH: Gail Franklin, Advanced Pharmacist  
Trustwide: Gail Franklin, Advanced Pharmacist, Dr M L Jenkinson, Lead Clinician  
Drugs & Therapeutics QEQMH

Attached should be guidance on FY1 prescribing and a junior doctor summary on COVID-19 treatment as this last would have changed considerably during your clinical training years.