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Dear Patient,

From 1 April 2019, Gabapentin and Pregabalin will be reclassified as Schedule 3 controlled drugs under the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001, and Class C of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.

This means that in addition to the normal prescription requirements for your prescription only medicines:

- Total quantity of Gabapentin or Pregabalin prescribed will not exceed 30 days.
- Emergency supply of Gabapentin or Pregabalin is not permitted.
- It will be illegal to supply Pregabalin and Gabapentin through repeat dispensing ("batch").
- Prescriptions for Gabapentin and Pregabalin will be printed on prescription paper and will not be available to send electronically directly to your Pharmacy.
- As usual please ensure you request your prescription 2 days prior to collection from the surgery. Extra requests of Gabapentin or Pregabalin prior to 1 April 2019 will be rejected.
- As part of our medication review process if you wish to discuss reducing or stopping your prescription of Gabapentin or Pregabalin this can be done in an appointment with your GP

In preparation for this reclassification, we have now made these changes to our Prescription system.

This means that if you are prescribed Gabapentin and/ or Pregabalin, you will need to either collect the Prescription from the Surgery, or speak to your Pharmacy for them to collect.

Yours sincerely



Dr Andrew Johnson



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