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Dear Colleagues,

**CESSATION OF SERIOUS SHORTAGE PROTOCOL (SSP) – Fluoxetine
40mg capsules**

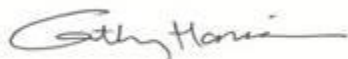
I refer to my previous correspondence regarding the current Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP) for Fluoxetine 40mg capsules, which has been in place since 20 May 2020 and has subsequently been extended due to ongoing supply issues.

I am pleased to advise that fluoxetine 40mg capsules are now back in stock at local wholesalers and therefore the SSP that is currently in force will end on Friday 16 October 2020 and will not be renewed.

Action Required

All relevant staff should be made aware of the cessation of this SSP on 16 October 2020. I would ask the HSCB to bring this information to the attention of GP Practices and Community Pharmacists directly.

Yours sincerely,



Cathy Harrison
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