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**By email to:**  
**All Community Pharmacy Contractors**  
**(to be shared with all community pharmacists**  
**and locums)**

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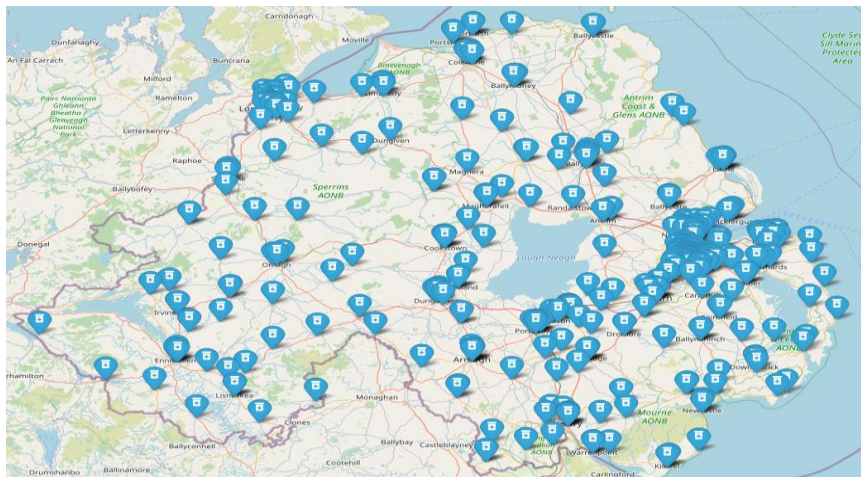
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Dear Colleague

## **PHARMACY FIRST SERVICE: EMERGENCY HORMONAL CONTRACEPTION (EHC)**

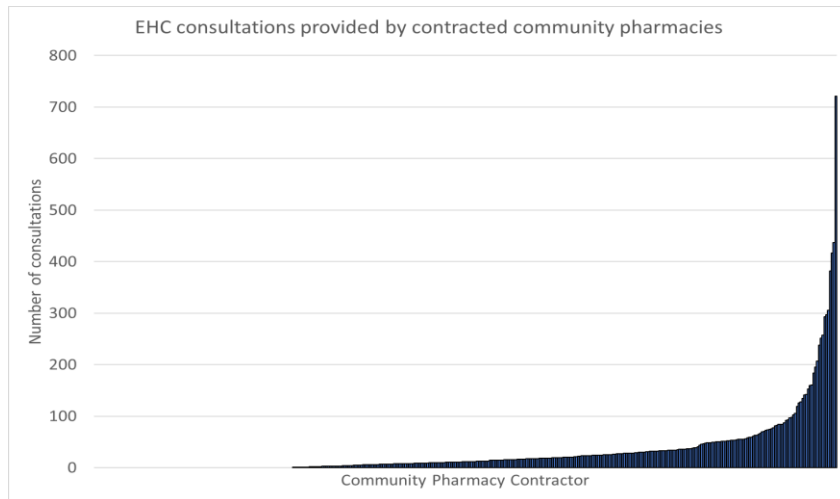
I am writing to provide you with an update in relation to the Pharmacy First Service for EHC which has been available from community pharmacies across Northern Ireland since July 2022. There are currently 404 pharmacies contracted to provide the service. Details of these pharmacies are available on the interactive providers map below (right click on the map and open link).



The interactive map has been shared widely with PHA, Trust, GP, OOH colleagues and the general public.

### **Service activity**

More than 12,000 consultations have been undertaken so far with a range of activity across pharmacies as seen in the chart below.



Actions for pharmacies who have not yet provided the service:

- It is important that all contracted pharmacies are able to provide the service. If you do not wish to be a contracted provider please contact your local SPPG office and ask for your pharmacy to be removed.
- Consider promoting the service on your social media platforms and contact your local GP practices to let them know you provide the service.

### Service monitoring

SPPG monitors pharmacy services routinely. As part of service monitoring you may be asked to submit records by secure email. Completed consultation forms and associated Fraser Competency forms, where applicable, should be returned within 14 days of the request.

### Promotion of the service

Twitter and Instagram resources are available on the [BSO website](#) to assist with social media promotion. Please also retweet SPPG media posts.

### Reminders

- Further printed supplies of the KYO patient leaflets can be ordered by contacting your local SPPG office.
- Please encourage women and young people to complete the on-line survey following their consultation using the [QR code](#) below.



If you have any queries please contact your local pharmacy adviser.

Yours sincerely,

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