

ASHVILLE MEDICAL PRACTICE

PRACTICE POLICY ON THE SUPPLY OF DRUGS LIABLE TO MISUSE

1. **CONTROLLED** drugs, for example Methadone, Diamorphine, Buprenorphine (Temgesic) will **NOT** be supplied by this practice. Management of patients is by the Substance Misuse Team.

2. **SEDATIVES, TRANQUILLIZERS, HYPNOTICS (SLEEPING TABLETS) for example DIAZEPAM, TEMAZEPAN, NITRAZEOAM OR ZIMOVANE:**

These are all licensed for NHS prescriptions for short-term use only. **Therefore patients will NOT be supplied with prescriptions for maintenance doses of these drugs.** We are prepared to work with patients, in conjunction with the Substance Misuse Team, who commit themselves to stopping these drugs.

3. **ANTI-DEPRESSANTS, MAJOR TRANQUILLIZERS, ANTI-CONVULSANTS:**

These drugs are prescribed only for certain disorders, often on the advice of a Consultant Psychiatrist. Repeat prescriptions will only be issued when the GP is satisfied that there is a genuine need, or if there is a written report from a Psychiatrist indicating that a treatment is currently recommended. We have a range of counselling services available at the practice and are keen to help those with genuine psychiatric problems.

4. **PAINKILLERS** – Such as Codeine, Tramadol and Dihydrocodeine will only be supplied when the GP is satisfied there is a genuine need and in an appropriate dosage.

5. Patients needing any of these medications will normally only see the GP they are registered with or another doctor nominated by that GP. Repeat prescriptions will only be issued after approval by the GP and normal practice arrangements will apply (48 hours' notice is required).

DECLARATION FOR NEWLY REGISTERED PATIENTS

I have read and fully understand the Practice Policy on this subject. I agree to comply with its provisions at all times whilst I am registered at the practice.

Signed

Print Full Name

Date of Birth

Date