

# THE SCOTTISH OFFICE

# National Health Service in Scotland Management Executive

St. Andrew's House Edinburgh EH1 3DG

Dear Colleague

# FORM GP10(S) - PRESCRIPTION FORM FOR SERVICE DOCTORS

# Summary

- 1. The purpose of this letter is to advise Health Boards of the withdrawal of the service prescription form GP10(S) from 1 April 1994.
- 2. The Ministry of Defence medical stores supply system is now capable of meeting the urgent demands for prescribed items for service personnel which have hitherto been met by NHS community pharmacists. This means that community pharmacists will no longer be called upon to dispense to service personnel, and that form GP10(S) will no longer be required.

#### Action

- 3. Health Boards are asked to distribute a copy of the Memorandum to this letter to chemist contractors and appliance suppliers as soon as possible. Bulk supplies of the Memorandum are being sent under separate cover.
- 4. Health Boards should ensure that any stocks of forms GP10(S) held after 1 April 1994 are destroyed.

Yours sincerely

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# WITHDRAWAL OF NHS PRESCRIPTION FORM GP10(S)

#### SUMMARY

- 1. This Memorandum advises chemist contractors and appliance suppliers of the withdrawal of the form GP10(S), prescription form for service doctors from 1 April 1994.
- 2. The Ministry of Defence have informed the Department that their medical stores supply system is now capable of meeting urgent demands for prescribed items for service personnel which have hitherto been met by NHS community pharmacists. Chemist contractors and appliance suppliers will no longer be called upon to dispense to service personnel and there will therefore be no further need for the prescription form GP10(S).

### ACTION BY CHEMIST CONTRACTORS AND APPLIANCE SUPPLIERS

- 3. From 1 April 1994 chemist contractors and appliance suppliers should not accept forms GP10(S) for dispensing. Forms received up to and including 31 March 1994 should be submitted to Pharmacy Practice Division for processing in the normal way.
- 4. Any questions arising from this Memorandum should be addressed to the Health Board.

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