**Letter to patients who are prescribed Pregabalin or Gabapentin**

Dear patient

Following a Government consultation because of concerns around the misuse of these drugs the following changes will apply from April 1st 2019:

* Prescriptions will expire 28 days from the date on the prescription
* Any pharmacy “owings” must be collected by the expiry
* Quantities will be reduced to a maximum of 30 days
* Repeat or “batch” prescriptions cannot be used
* You will need proof of identity to collect from a pharmacy
* You will need to sign when collecting your prescription
* Emergency supplies and loans cannot be made from pharmacies if you run out

Make sure you get any current prescriptions you have dispensed before April 1st 2019

If you are owed any medication by your pharmacy make sure you collect this before April 1st 2019

Yours sincerely,

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