**A new way to get your medicines**

The Electronic Prescription Service (EPS) is an NHS service. It gives you the chance to have your prescription sent electronically to the pharmacy you choose to get your medicines from.

**What does this mean for you?**

From Thurs 28 August 2014 if you collect your repeat prescriptions from Beech Tree Surgery you will NOT have to visit us to pick up your paper prescription. Instead, we will send it electronically to the place you choose, saving you time. You will have more choice about where to get your medicines from because they can be collected from a pharmacy near to where you live, work or shop.

**Is this service right for you?**

Yes, if you:

* Don’t want to go collect your repeat prescription from us
* Collect your medicines from the same pharmacy most of the time
* Already use a prescription collection/delivery service

No, if you:

* Don’t get prescriptions very often
* If you get any medicines on a private prescription
* If you are taking any medicine classified as a ‘controlled drug’ – this includes drugs such as Temazepam, Zomorph, Fentanyl, Oxycodone, Morphine Sulphate, Buprenorphine patches
* Pick up your medicines from different pharmacies
* Travel or work away from home a lot

**How can you use EPS?**

You need to choose a pharmacy for us to electronically send your prescription to. This is called *nomination.* You can ask us or anypharmacy that offers EPS to add your nomination for you. You don’t need a computer to do this. If you already use a regular pharmacy this may have already been done.

**Can I change my nomination or cancel it and get a paper prescription?**

Yes. If you don’t want your prescription to be sent electronically tell us and we will remove your nomination. If you want to change your nomination speak to the desired pharmacist that offers EPS. Tell them before your next prescription is due or your prescription may be sent to the wrong place.

**Is EPS reliable, secure and confidential?**

Yes. Your electronic prescription will be seen by the same people that see your paper prescription now.

**I order my medication ‘on line’, will this change?**

No. There is no change to how you order your medication

*If you have any questions regarding this new service*

*please telephone 01904 - 724341*