**Community Pharmacy Sore Throat Test and Treat Service**

Dear Patient

You may already be aware via Swansea Bay University Health Board intranet or social media that the Community Pharmacy Sore Throat Test and Treat service is due to be launched on 1st December 2019 in 22 pharmacies (appendix 1).

The overall aim of this service is to ensure that patients can access appropriate assessment and advice for the management of sore throat and where appropriate, can be supplied with antibiotics or other appropriate treatments at NHS expense to treat their condition. This provides an alternative location from which patients can seek advice and treatment, rather than seeking treatment via a prescription from their GP or out of hours (OOH) provider, walk in centre or accident and emergency. Patients from the age of 6 years and over can be treated if relevant inclusion criteria are met.

The service allows pharmacists to:

* Undertake an initial assessment using FeverPAIN / Centor clinical tools
* Undertake Point of Care Testing using a rapid antigen test for Group A Streptococcus infection depending On FeverPAIN/Centor score
* Supply treatment with Penicillin or Clarithromycin (if Penicillin is contra-indicated) in line with a SBUHB Patient Group Direction, if the antigen test is positive for Strep A
* Educate and build on the Common Ailments Service whereby patients are encouraged to consult their community pharmacist rather than a GP.
* Educate patients and reinforce the message that the majority of sore throats are caused by viruses on the receipt of a negative Strep A test result.

The community pharmacies have been chosen in areas where there is higher than national average penicllin prescribing. The service has been piloted previously in Cwm Taf Morgannwg and Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Boards and was a huge success with extremely positive patient feedback. Approximately one in five consultations resulted in the provision of an antibiotic.

The Health Board will review the service over the coming months with the aim of rolling out to other community pharmacies.

Appendix 1.

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| **Sore Throat Test & Treat Phase 1 Pharmacists** | |  |  |
| LloydsPharmacy | Shop 6 Morrison Road | Port Talbot | SA12 6TH |
| LloydsPharmacy | Port Talbot Resource Centre | Moor Road | SA12 7BJ |
| MW Phillips | Station Road | Cymmer | SA13 3HR |
| Well Pharmacy | 127 Station Road | Port Talbot | SA13 1NR |
| Williams & Wheeler LTD | 56 Commercial Road Taibach | Port Talbot | SA13 1LG |
| The Health Dispensary | 153 Windsor Road | Neath | SA11 1NU |
| Davies Chemist Ltd | The Quays Briton Ferry | Neath | SA11 2FP |
| Well Pharmacy | 130 London Road | Neath | SA11 1HF |
| D R Cecil Jones Ltd | The Vale of Neath Pharmacy Chain Road | Glynneath | SA11 5HP |
| Davies Chemist Ltd | Ynysfach Ave | Resolven | SA11 4LN |
| LloydsPharmacy | 62 Herbert St , Pontardawe | Swansea | SA8 4ED |
| LloydsPharmacy | 4 Strawberry Place | Morriston | SA6 7AG |
| Well Pharmacy | 103 Woodfield Street | Morriston | SA6 8AS |
| Kevin Thomas Pharmacy | 45 St Helens Road | Swansea | SA1 4BB |
| Mountain View Pharmacy | 53 Mayhill Road | Swansea | SA1 6TD |
| Well Pharmacy | 147 Ravenhill Road | Swansea | SA5 5AH |
| Well Pharmacy | The Beacon Centre | Swansea | SA1 8QY |
| Well Pharmacy | 5 Dilwyn Road Sketty | Swansea | SA2 9AQ |
| Boots Chemist | Unit 5 Morfa Retail Park | Swansea | SA1 7BP |
| Well Pharmacy | 72 Manselton Road Manselton | Swansea | SA5 8PG |
| LloydsPharmacy | 5-6 Gorseinon Shopping Centre | Swansea | SA4 4DJ |
| LloydsPharmacy | 5 St Teilo Street Pontardulais | Swansea | SA4 8TH |
| Well Pharmacy | 63 Alexander Road | Swansea | SA4 4NU |
| Well Pharmacy | Mill Street | Gowerton | SA4 3ED |

Kind regards

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