Transfer of Care Guide – Opioid Treatment Program

This Guide supports the safe transfer of care for people on the opioid treatment program, including regulatory requirements. It is the responsibility of the current authorised prescriber to provide the clinical information required for safe transfer of care. As part of practitioner duty of care, prescribers should ensure all clinical information is available to the receiving team in a timely way. Clinics that are relocating or closing need to advise the Pharmaceutical Regulatory Unit in writing at MOH-OTP@health.nsw.gov.au.

Practitioners should discuss all treatment options and referral pathways available with clients (including Local Health District clinics and community

prescribers) and assist with client transfer of care.

Clinical information to provide

Once a prescriber has agreed to take over care for your client, the following information should be provided to enable safe transfer of care:

A summary of treatment provided, including:

- medication(s) prescribed and/or dispensed
- last dose details
- number of take-away doses or suitability for take-away doses
- dosing point contact, if different

Client goals of treatment, including progress to date.

Significant co-morbidities (physical health, mental health).

Other medications prescribed (by OAT prescriber or GP).

Current **concerns and risks** (inc. other substance use, child safety, homelessness, high risk behaviours etc).

Provide contact details in case follow up information is required. Ensure client's contact number is up to date.

Patient changing prescribers?

Ensure there is enough supply left on the current prescription to allow client to make an appointment with new prescriber. Complete an exit form for clients* that are transferring from your care.

Clients must be exited from treatment with one prescriber so that another prescriber can be issued with an authority to prescribe or supply to them

Patient changing dosing points only?

Notify the NSW Ministry of Health of any permanent change to a NSW OTP client's dosing point using this form.

Patient support lines: - Opioid Treatment Line 1800 642 428

- NUAA Peer line 1800 644 413

Health professional clinical support: <u>Drug and Alcohol Specialist Advisory Service</u>

(02) 8382 1006 (Sydney Metro) / 1800 023 687 (rural remote NSW)

SafeScript NSW Clinical Advice Line - 1800 434 155

Advice about NSW Health OTP authorities: Pharmaceutical Regulatory Unit

Tel: (02) 9424 5921 or 9391 9944 (select option 4) email: MOH-OTP@health.nsw.gov.au

Referral support: Local Health District Alcohol Other Drugs Local GP referral pathways through your Primary Health Network

Finding a dosing point: Contact the Opioid Treatment Line (1800 642 428)

^{*}Prescribers should promptly arrange for patients to be exited to ensure further treatment is enabled.