

Dear SCC colleagues,
CC:

- **Regional health and justice leads – for action**
 - For onward **cascade to:**
 - **Providers delivering health and justice healthcare services.**
- Regional Directors of primary care and public health – *for information*
- Heads of primary care commissioning – *for information*
- Regional Pharmacists – *for information*

Please see the email below on Serious Shortage Protocols which have been issued today. This is for onward cascade.

Please can you cascade this to the following:

- **ICS primary care leads – for action**
 - For onward cascade to:
 - General Practices
 - Community Pharmacies

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Dear colleagues,

We are writing to inform you that Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) have been issued today for Estradot[®] 50 microgram, 75 microgram and 100 microgram patches, which are currently in short supply.

The SSPs will allow pharmacists to substitute the equivalent strength Evorel[®] or Estraderm MX[®] patches.

The SSPs came into effect on 19 December and are currently scheduled to end on the following dates:

SSP079 - Estradot[®] 50 microgram patches – end date 28 February 2025

SSP080 - Estradot[®] 75 microgram patches – end date 19 January 2025

SSP081 - Estradot[®] 100 microgram patches – end date 28 January 2025

The SSPs are now available to view on the NHS Business Service Authority (BSA)'s [dedicated SSP web page](#) along with supporting endorsement guidance.

If you have any questions regarding the SSPs please contact the NHS Prescription Service:

Email: nhsbsa.prescriptionservices@nhsbsa.nhs.uk

Telephone: 0300 330 1349

Textphone: 18001 0300 330 1349

To access the latest information about SSPs (including supporting guidance), please visit the following link – <https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/pharmacies-gp-practices-and-appliance-contractors/serious-shortage-protocols-ssps>.”

Many thanks for your assistance with this request.
On Behalf of Department of Health and Social Care.

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Kind Regards,
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#hello my name is...

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