

Key Facts: Gluten Free Foods

- 1.** Patients diagnosed by their GP as having coeliac disease (or dermatitis herpetiformis) and are eligible for GFF items under the service.
- 2.** Patients can still receive Rx's from GP if they do not wish to register with a pharmacy.
- 3.** Care Home patients are not eligible.
- 4.** A GP/dietician referral form must be presented by patient to pharmacy (this is confirmation of patient eligibility). The patient and pharmacist should then sign the form and a PCR record should be created. The referral form(s) should be retained by the pharmacist for payment verification purposes.
- 5.** A new registration/referral form signed by the GP is required in any instance where a change in units for a patient takes place e.g. age, pregnancy.
- 6.** At registration, click the "patient is in the first year of treatment ". The PCR summary will then highlight when the annual healthcheck is due each year thereafter.
- 7.** The PCR contains the patient assessment questions and the pharmacist should work with the patient to determine the best way to meet their unit order.
- 8.** Any prescribing should be carried out on the Universal Claim Form.
- 9.** NHS Boards may choose to select a range of products from the national guidance to meet local needs of patients i.e. publish a local formulary which should be adhered to.
- 10.** Patients may order products from local formulary up to the number of allocated units assigned to them.
- 11.** Pharmacists may wish to register the patient for CMS but this is not a requirement.
- 12.** A NES Gluten free foods pack is available via NES Portal.
- 13.** Each pharmacy will designate a named pharmacist to be responsible for the ongoing management and delivery of scheme.