

## **Repeat prescriptions and medicine reviews**

***Have you ever been told you need a medication review before collecting your next repeat prescription?***

***It is your responsibility to check when your medication review is due so that your regular prescription can be dispensed on time and as needed.***

A medication review is a discussion about your prescription medicines and held with a suitably qualified clinician, such as a doctor at Eagle House Surgery, or doctor, nurse or pharmacist at Whitecliff Surgery. It is important to have your review to ensure your medication continues to be right for you, to give an opportunity to voice concerns and to ask any questions (it may be useful to write these down in advance). As many of us struggle to remember what we are taking, and why, it is useful to bring your medicines with you.

The review appointment can easily be booked in advance and can be done over the telephone or face to face. Several medicines require regular blood tests or blood pressure checks. It will save time if you arrange these before your review.

Please check the medication review date as a matter of routine. It is clearly shown on your repeat prescription. If you're not sure of the date, just ask the pharmacist when you order your next month's supply.

***Finally, your medication review is a good opportunity to make sure any unwanted medicines are taken off your repeat prescription and any unwanted medicines that you already have in your possession are taken back to the pharmacy for safe disposal.***