

Your hospital appointment and prescriptions

Why have I not been given a prescription?

If you have NOT been given a prescription by the hospital, this may be because;

- No new medicines are required.
- You need a new medicine, but don't need to start it straight away.

When will I be given a prescription for the new medication?

If you need a new medicine but you don't need to start it straight away, your GP will be sent a letter from the hospital to let them know. It will take at least 14 days for this letter to be processed, so please allow 2-3 weeks before contacting your GP about this letter. Your GP will not prescribe this medication until they receive the letter.

Please be reassured that changes to your treatment plan will only be deferred if your clinician is satisfied that deferral will not impact your health outcomes. They are acting in accordance with Brighton and Sussex University Hospital's guidelines to make the best use of our resources and are working to protect the longevity of our National Health Service. We appreciate your understanding and patience.

What should I do if I have been given a prescription by the hospital clinic?

White prescription forms must be taken to the hospital pharmacy*.

Green prescription forms from the hospital may be taken to your preferred community pharmacy.

*Please note: there are two pharmacies on the Royal Sussex County Hospital site – you should go to '**Pharm@Sea**', situated across the road from the main hospital entrance, next to the Outpatients building.

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