

Gluten Free Foods Service

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. An annual health check should be completed **at registration** and annually 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 a handwritten CPUS. The CHI number must be added on the CPUS. Forms without CHI will not be reimbursed, and remuneration will be affected if CHI capture falls below 90%. Add the GP cypher number to the GP Reference Number box on the CPUS 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 on-going management and delivery of scheme

