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Dear colleague

To: All Community Pharmacies in Dorset (Inclusive of Bournemouth and Poole), and Hampshire & Isle of Wight (Inclusive of Southampton and Portsmouth).

As part of the work to manage the current shortage for fluoxetine capsules, we are writing to inform you that Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) have been issued for:

- Fluoxetine 10mg capsules
- Fluoxetine 30mg capsules
- Fluoxetine 40mg capsules

The SSPs will enable community pharmacists in England to supply patients with a different formulation as follows:

SSP for **Fluoxetine 10mg capsules**, supply in order of priority either –

- Fluoxetine 10mg tablets; or
- 2.5ml of fluoxetine 20mg/5ml oral solution SF; or
- 2.5ml of fluoxetine 20mg/5ml oral solution

SSP for **Fluoxetine 30mg capsules**, supply

- 1 x 10mg fluoxetine tablet, plus 1 x 20mg fluoxetine capsule

SSP for **Fluoxetine 40mg capsules**, supply

- Fluoxetine 2 x 20mg capsules

These Serious Shortage Protocols (SSPs) are now published on the NHS Business Service Authority (BSA) website under a [dedicated SSP page](#) along with supporting guidance. The SSP is currently due to expire on the **31st October 2019**. Should this change, the SSPs will be updated accordingly and published on this page.

If you have any questions regarding the SSPs please contact the NHS Prescription Service:
Email: nhsbsa.prescriptionservices@nhsbsa.nhs.uk
Telephone: 0300 330 1349
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You may also be interested to read the Department's press release on new restrictions on parallel exports to tackle HRT shortages:
https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-restrictions-on-parallel-exports-to-tackle-hrt-shortages

Please be aware this communication is also being circulated separately onto **ALL GP practices in England**

Kind regards

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