Sacriston Surgery Patient Medication Agreement

By accepting any prescription request the surgery expects you to adhere to the following guidelines

- 1. Responsibilities of the person who is prescribed the medication:
- The medication you are prescribed is for you alone to use.
- Do not take more than you have been prescribed.
- Let your doctor know about any side effects of your medication.
- Keep all your medication out of the reach and sight of others.
- It is your responsibility to keep your medication safe. Lost and/or damaged medication will not automatically be re-issued: controlled drugs will not be reissued before the next scheduled prescription, unless the GP thinks it is clinically necessary to re-issue.
- You agree not to sell, share or swap your medication with others.
- If your medication is stolen it must be reported to the Local Police.
- We ask that you engage with GPs, Nurse Practitioners and Pharmacists at the surgery when requested to review your medication.
- Medication requests must be timely: the surgery needs a minimum of 2 working days to process your request.
- Failure to comply with these conditions will result in increased supervision of your medication; for example, the GP may reduce prescription quantities, move from weekly to daily issues and/or collections, or reduce and stop the medication.
- The Practice supports the government's 'Zero Tolerance' campaign for Health Service Staff. This states that GPs and their staff have a right to care for others without fear of being attacked or abused. Verbal or physical outbursts will not be tolerated by Sacriston Surgery. A written final warning will be given for any first offence. Any further offence will result in you being removed from the patient list, and you will have to register elsewhere.

2. Responsibilities of the prescriber

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- The doctor is working with you to manage and treat your illnesses and to maintain your health.
- The doctor must be sure that you understand that the medication you are given is for you and only you, and that it may harm others if they take it.
- If the doctor feels that you are sharing, swapping or selling your medication they will offer closer supervision of your medication to ensure that you don't put your life or the lives of others at risk.
- The GP will review any 'lost medication requests' on an individual basis and it is at their discretion whether an interim script will be issued. A police reference or crime number will be needed.
- The GP must monitor prescription requests and identify and reject early requests as this would suggest
 overuse.
- The GP will offer routine review appointments to discuss any concerns or issues highlighted by administrative staff or by yourself.

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