Dear Pharmacy,

This batch will contain some scripts that cover some or all of the Christmas and New Year period.

Bank holiday closures have been accounted for and pick-ups due on those days have moved to the pick-up day prior.

Some prescriptions in the next batch will **start** on a bank holiday (26/12, 27/12 or 2/1). These will have a typed note printed asking for the instalment due on that day to be dispensed in advance, with a date specified. This will usually be 23/12/16 or 24/12/16.

Also, our prescriptions contain the following note;

*“Instalments due on days when the pharmacy is closed should be dispensed on the day immediately prior to closure”.*

Clients who would usually pick up a weekly supply on a Monday/Tuesday, will NOT receive 14days this year and have been informed they will be required to collect on the Saturdays for this period instead.

I will enclose a copy of our guidance policy, along with another updated sample prescriber list, for reference and for your locums.

We will be closed weekends, as usual, and also the 3 bank holidays.

We currently have approximately 500 prescribed clients across Chester and Ellesmere Port, covering 40+ pharmacies, so, many thanks for your ongoing co-operation and support, and all the best for Christmas and the New Year.

*Turning Point*

*Cheshire West and Chester Recovery Service*

*Aqua House-Chester*

*Unity House-Ellesmere Port*

*Old Council House-Northwich*