

## CONTRACEPTION SERVICES



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Contraception Services are one of the four services included within the Clinical Community Pharmacy Service (CCPS), the other three services are Common Ailments service (CAS), Seasonal Flu Vaccination and Emergency Medicines Supply (EMS).

Contraception Services includes the provision of both:

- Emergency Contraception (EC)  
And
- QuickStart and Bridging Contraception

The full details of the service requirements can be found in the single integration service specification on [here](#)

As part of signing up to the CCPS, contractors are signing up to the provision of all four elements of the service, however additional clarification has been provided by Welsh Government in respect of the requirements for the provision of Contraception services should a pharmacist hold religious beliefs that prevent them from provision. The full WG letter can be accessed [here](#)

The service specification includes the following requirement:

*"Pharmacists who choose not to supply Emergency Contraception for ethical reasons must treat the matter sensitively and advise the patient of an alternative source of supply available within the timeframe for emergency contraception to be effective."*

This means in circumstances where a pharmacy contractor is providing the CCPS but where the pharmacist<sup>1</sup> employed has a religious or personal belief about the provision of contraception, the pharmacy contractor will be complying with the requirements of the CCPS, provided the pharmacist's practise is in accordance with the [General Pharmaceutical Council's guidance on religion, personal values and beliefs](#).