



PMG PRIVATE SHARED CARE AGREEMENTS POLICY

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As recommended by the LMC and commissioners, we have the following policy on taking over shared care agreements from private providers.

Shared Care from a Private Provider can be considered in the following circumstances:

1. The Provider **MUST** be registered with CQC
2. The Requester **MUST** be GMC or NMC registered
3. A comprehensive shared care document must be shared along with the request (eg. With monitoring instructions).
4. The patient **MUST** remain supported/ supervised by the Private Provider for the initiation period and a reasonable time after establishment of their medication (min 6m of therapy)
5. As a prescribing clinician you must feel comfortable with the recommendation, as ultimately shared care is a recommendation and there is no contractual obligation to prescribe

The outcome of your decision should be shared with the patient- ie inform them if you are happy to accept their shared care request or if it does not meet our requirements (so that the patient knows to they need to discuss with their private provider).

The LMC continue to monitor this situation and may issue further guidance in due course.

