*[Practice name]*

*[Practice Address 1]*

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*[Postcode]*

*[Date]*

[Patient name]

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[Patient address 3]

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Dear Patient

The NHS carries out regular reviews of medicines to make sure that patients continue to receive high quality and effective treatment that costs the NHS less.

The latest review involves a change in one of the medications on your prescription. A helpful benefit of this change is that your new medication comes in a smaller pack, but will last around twice as long as your old medication. This makes it more environmentally friendly and reduces the need to order from your GP as frequently. The full details of the change are shown below and this change in your medication will be given to you when you collect your next repeat prescription.

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| **WHAT YOU TAKE NOW** | **WHAT IT WILL CHANGE TO** |
| Estriol 0.01% vaginal cream 80g | Estriol 1mg/g vaginal cream (0.1% cream) 15g |

**This new medicine contains the same active ingredient (estriol) as your old medication.**Please finish using all the old cream you currently have before starting on the new cream. **Also, please discard any remaining applicators as these are not suitable for your new cream.**

Please read the information leaflet given with your new cream carefully before you start using this medicine. Using the new cream will be different as outlined below:

1. One applicator-dose (applicator filled to the red mark) contains 0.5 mg estriol cream.
2. The amount of cream delivered per application of this product is less than that of your old cream but **both creams deliver the same dose of estriol (0.5mg) per application**.

**To obtain your next supply of medicines more efficiently, you can order a repeat prescription by logging into your account using the NHS app which may be downloaded from the NHS website. We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you to only order the medicines you need each time you resubmit your repeat prescription request as this helps minimise medicine waste.**

If you are concerned or wish to discuss the matter further, please do not hesitate to contact the practice or community pharmacy.

Yours sincerely