

## Tasmanian Health Service MENTAL HEALTH AND STATEWIDE SERVICES

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**Pharmacist** 

Tasmanian Opioid Pharmacotherapy Program

Dear Sir/Madam

## Subject: Tasmanian Opioid Pharmacotherapy Program - New dosing forms

I am writing to you to provide an update on the dosing sheets that your pharmacy completes on a monthly basis to record pharmacotherapy dosing for clients who are registered on the Tasmanian Opioid Pharmacotherapy Program.

Following the initial trial of the new forms and a wider consultation process, we have now revised the forms in line with the feedback we have received. There are now four separate medication administration charts to record dosing information for methadone syrup, methadone liquid (Biodone Forte), Buprenorphine (Subutex tablet) and Buprenorphine (Suboxone filmt). To provide a degree of flexibility, each medication administration chart is available in three different formats – PDF, Excel and Word. Choose the format which best suits your needs.

Further information on the use of the medication administration charts is included in a fact sheet which is available online with the dosing sheets at the following address:

http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/mentalhealth/alcohol\_and\_drug/services/opioid\_pharmacotherapy/community\_pharmacy\_program

All community pharmacies are requested to commence using the new forms from 1 August 2016 to ensure timely payments of incentives.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this process and if you have any queries, please contact Sam Halliday, Deputy Chief Pharmacist on telephone: 03 6166 0400 or email at: <a href="mailto:sam.halliday@dhhs.tas.gov.au">sam.halliday@dhhs.tas.gov.au</a>.

Yours sincerely

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