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Changes to the legal requirements for prescriptions issued by EEA or Swiss doctors and dentists

From 26th July 2010 there is no longer a requirement for the address and age of the patient, if under 12, to be included on a prescription issued by an European Economic Area or Swiss, doctor or dentist.¹

Pharmacists would need to be satisfied that it is a genuine prescription and verify the prescriber's credentials, as detailed in a previous Law and Ethics Bulletin.²

¹ The Medicines for Human Use (Prescribing by EEA Practitioners)(Amendment) Regulations 2010 (www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2010/pdf/uksi_20101673_en.pdf).

² www.rpsgb.org/pdfs/LEBpresceea.pdf.