

Let's Talk EPS

The Electronic Prescription Service, or EPS, sends prescriptions electronically from GP surgeries to pharmacies.

Eventually EPS will remove the need for most paper prescriptions. It's quick, easy and saves time and money for our NHS.

Time saved means more appointments available for patients.

EPS could save millions of pounds that could be re-invested in patient care.

This is especially for patients who get regular or repeat prescriptions, by signing up for Electronic Repeat Dispensing (eRD).

Unlike paper prescriptions, electronic prescriptions can't get lost between the doctor and the pharmacy.

EPS is a reliable, secure and confidential service that's easier for the NHS to manage; ensuring medicine use stays safe, effective and efficient

If EPS was used to its full potential, up to 12.9 million paper prescriptions could be saved nationally every month – that's a pile of prescriptions almost 7ft tall for every practice each year.

This would also save 88% of storage that is currently taken up by paper prescriptions.

The NHSBSA can provide support and information on how to maximise EPS including:

- Reporting and analysis on EPS use in your area
- Practice specific data and insights on your potential EPS uptake
- Advice and best practice
- Communications resources including waiting rooms slides, template letters and patient information leaflets
- Let's Talk EPS workshops and webinars

For more information, contact nhsbsa.epssupport@nhs.net or visit www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/eps

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