

Presentation Notes – Changes with S24

- Gazetting is formalized
- New process – flowchart in presentation which can be worked to
- Demonstration pack – contents for each service
- Documents available – Prescribing controlled drugs in addiction treatment
- Authorities to prescribe controlled drugs for the treatment of addiction
- Lead clinicians signs and reports to medicine control
- GPS can be authorized under section 24 (2) (d). Needs to be completed every 3 weeks unless here is a special dispensation to medicines control to extend to 6months (on page 88 of the guidelines)
- OST 6 monthly reporting – form was presented
- Trends – considerable numbers returning send out 120 only see 82 back to GPs. Some GPs have liaison nurses. A lot is expected of GPs, don't monitor well. PHOs need to take responsibility to train, there are some good models
- Shared care
- Practice nurses should also receive special training
- Some clients need help to get to a GP
- OST services have patients who are very long term

Voluntary Withdrawals

- Highest number ever of voluntary withdrawals – increased by 100%

Prescribing above the maximum does recommend

- Motivational interviewing to reduce dosages – risks
- Metabolism testing

Transfers

- Forestry workers are transient
- Prison inmates go back home then need to be transferred
- Photo's are emailed to pharmacies