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**Patient Information: Controlled Drug Prescription Policy**

We are committed to ensuring the safe and legal use of controlled drugs in line with the UK's laws and regulatory guidelines. Controlled drugs are subject to strict rules to reduce the risk of misuse, dependency, and harm. This policy outlines how we handle prescriptions for controlled drugs, including situations involving lost or stolen medications and requests for early prescriptions.

**Why Controlled Drugs Are Regulated**

Controlled drugs are medications that can cause harm if misused. Examples include morphine, tramadol, codeine, and benzodiazepines. The handling and prescribing of these medications are governed by:

1. **The Misuse of Drugs Act 1971**
   - This law classifies controlled drugs into Schedules based on their potential for harm and medical use. It aims to prevent misuse while allowing appropriate medical access.
2. **The Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001**
   - These regulations set rules for prescribing, storing, and dispensing controlled drugs. They require healthcare professionals to act responsibly and ensure that prescriptions are only issued appropriately.

**Lost or Stolen Prescriptions or Medications**

- If your prescription or medication containing controlled drugs is lost or stolen, we cannot issue a replacement prescription. This is to prevent misuse and comply with legal requirements.
- **No exceptions will be made to this requirement.**
- You are advised report the theft to the police and provide them with full details.

**Why These Rules Are Necessary**

These rules are essential to:

- Comply with legal and regulatory requirements.

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- Protect patients and the community from the risks of misuse, theft, or dependency.
- Ensure the safe and responsible prescribing of medications.

**Your Responsibilities as a Patient**

As part of this process, you are responsible for:

- Planning your prescriptions in advance to ensure continuity of medication.
- Providing clear and appropriate documentation for any requests for early prescriptions.
- Storing your medication securely to avoid loss or theft.

Regards

Foundry Town GP Doctors