Communicare Summary Sheet

Adding a reason for medication

It is useful to be able to view the reason for a medication (i.e. the condition under treatment) in a patient's medical record. The reason is added during the prescribing process and helps to reduce medication errors as it provides additional contextual information.

Adding a reason for medication:

1. **Open** the patient record.

2. **Click** on the **'Prescribe Medication'** button at the top of the client file.

3. In the **'Drug Browser' enter the first few characters of the drug** then select the formulation from the list displayed. The **'Prescription Details'** window will open.

4. **Enter** repeats, dose and frequency, duration and indicate whether the prescription is once off or regular.

5. **Click** on the **'Reason'** dropdown list. If the reason for medication is already available (previously entered condition for the client) then select this as the reason.

6. If the reason is not in this list, **click** on the **'Add Condition'** button next to the list, **enter the first few characters** of the condition in the search field and add it.

7. **Save** to enter.