

Suggested Scripting for Community Care Clinicians Using Video Consultations

Starting the Consultation

Essentials

"Hello it's X from Y clinic, can you hear and see me ok?"

If YES, then proceed to the next stage,

If NO, attempt to correct the problem (depending on the problem, advise patient to alter their volume, camera, microphone, or ask them to press refresh or to reconnect the call).

"Before we get started, can you confirm some details for me, first of all your full name and date of birth."

"And can you confirm the address where you are right now?"

"And just in case this call cuts out, a number I can call you back on?"

In addition, the following questions are best practice

"Now because this is a video consultation, there are a few extra things I need to check with you..."

"Is there anyone else in the room with you?"

"And are you somewhere you can talk privately?"

"This is a secure call, so your data is protected while we chat"

Ending the call

Summarise discussion and reiterate instructions.

If a prescription is needed, agree where to collect from and the timescale.

Have an alternative plan as a safety net.

If a patient information leaflet is needed, agree mechanism for sending (text/email etc)

Disconnecting

"I'm going to disconnect now."