

Case Study

Bren

Bren has been receiving methadone treatment for the past 10 months. She has started a course at her local college and is keen to complete the course.

Her local pharmacy is quite small with no private treatment area. So that during the week of supervised treatment she had to take the dose in the public area of the shop.

Bren spoke to her advocacy worker when a problem arose with the treatment:

'We used to get it [Methadone] at 9.00am so that we had it before college, and there's a new chemist in and she's like "No, you'll wait until 9.30am." So there's about 30 people waiting outside the chemist, and I'm terrified in case any of my aunties pass. I'm having to leave later to go and get it until the normal chemist comes back...'

Discuss

- What do you think the advocacy issues are for Bren?
- How would you work with Bren to address these?