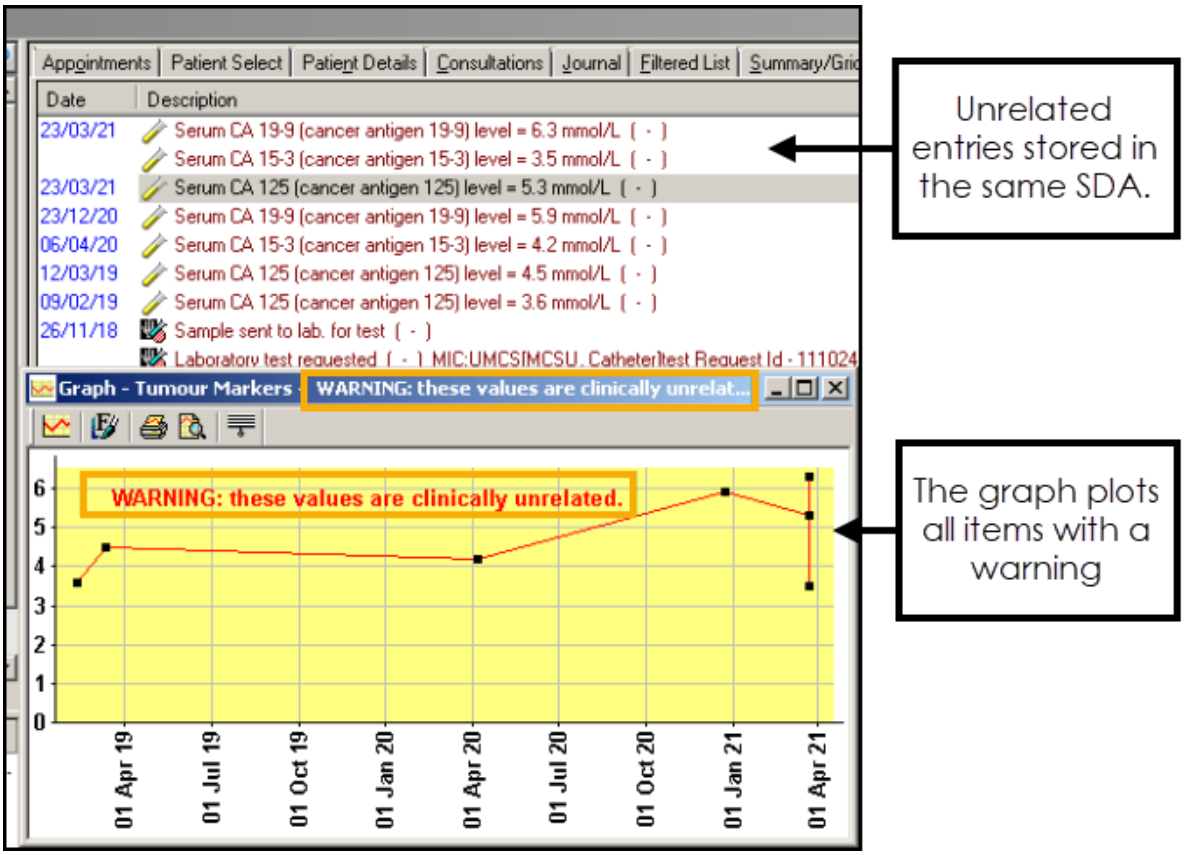
Vision Release DLM 770

Summary of Changes

October 2020 - Vision release DLM 770 contains the following updates:

Consultation Manager

- **Graphs** – If you select to graph data that is stored in the same structured data area (SDA) as data with different clinical terms, or data with the same clinical term but different units of measure, a warning now displays. The warning displays on the graph, within the graph header and on the bottom toolbar and notifies you that the graph may not be a true representation of the data selected:



Prescribing PRN (as needed) Medication

- **Prescribing PRN (as needed) medication** – Prescribing acute or repeat medication with a dosage instruction of PRN (or equivalent) now prints/sends on a separate prescription. See Prescribing PRN (As Needed) Medication on page 4.

Important – The PRN option is disabled on receipt of Vision release DLM 770. This is to allow you to discuss the changes with the relevant clinicians/staff within your organisation. To use the new functionality and switch it on for all clinicians/staff, see Management Tools – Therapy Settings on page 12.

- **Reauthorising Medication** - The option to select PRN is only available when adding new medication. To change Repeat Masters so that PRN medication prints separately. See Reauthorising Medication on page 6.
- **Printing PRN (as needed) drugs** – **Prescription Manager** now includes additional PRN option. See Reauthorising Medication on page 6Reauthorising Medication
- The option to select PRN is only available when adding new medication. To convert repeat medication into PRN items, highlight the repeat master and select **Re-authorise** then tick **PRN**. The PRN repeat medication will then print on a separate prescription to other repeat items.

Training Tip – You may want to consider including PRN items in your reauthorisation/medication review protocol.

- Printing/Sending Prescriptions with PRN Dosage Codes**Reorder form** – Additional guidance instructions can now be included for PRN drugs. The additional guidance prints on the right hand reorder form and be be customised. See Repeat Reorder Form on page 10.
- **Therapy Settings** – To accommodate the extra PRN options, practice-wide therapy settings are visible but cannot be updated from **Consultation Manager** – **Options** – **Setup** – **Therapy**. A new **Vision System Settings** option is available in **Management Tools** – **Control Panel.** See Management Tools – Therapy Settings on page 12.

Please note:

PRN changes apply to the following electronic prescriptions:

- **England** – Repeat Dispensing (RD) and Electronic Prescription Service (EPS).
- **Scotland** – Acute Medication Service (AMS) and Chronic Medication Service (CMS Serial Prescribing).
- **Wales** – 2-Dimensional Barcoded Prescriptions (2DRX).

GP Connect

- **Appointments** - **GP Connect** is an NHS Digital project designed to enable access to patient related information recorded on any of the participating systems across care settings. It relies on sharing agreements being signed between practices and authorised third parties. All data is exchanged via the **National Spine**. The ability to release appointments to third parties that you have a sharing agreement with, for example NHS111, relies on you using **Vision Appointments** and **Vision Release DLM 760**. For more information see Appointments - GP Connect.

Prescribing PRN (As Needed) Medication

Repeat drugs not consumed regularly by patients; for example, drugs administered intermittently, are dispensed unnecessarily leading to patients holding large amounts of unused medications. The problem is perpetuated when such items print on the same repeat prescription as regular repeat items.

To help manage this problem prescribers now have an option to separate **As Needed** items from other items when generating prescriptions.

You can also change the reorder form to include additional text so that patients can quickly identify PRN repeat items.

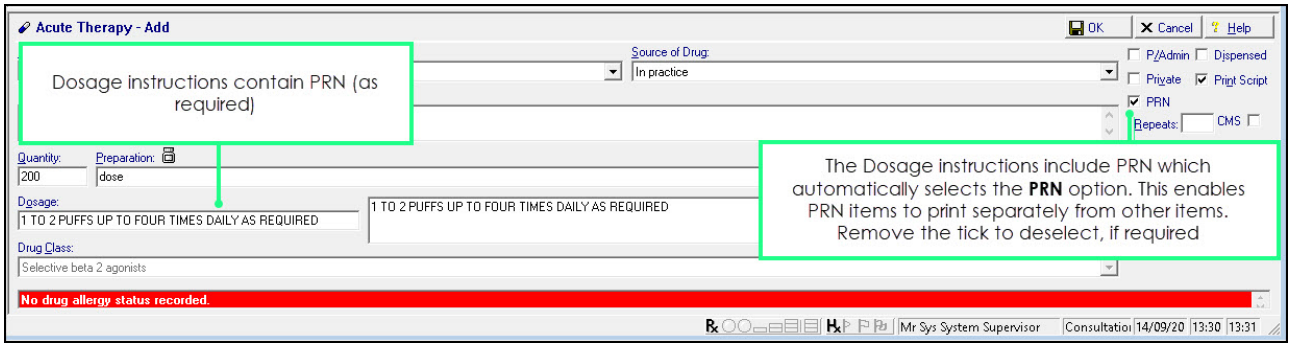
Note – The term **As Needed** is used synonymously with **As Required** or **PRN**.

Therapy Add – Using PRN Dosage Codes

Adding a drug with an **As Needed** dosage instruction automatically selects a **PRN** option on **Therapy Add**, this can however, be deselected.

The following dosage codes apply:

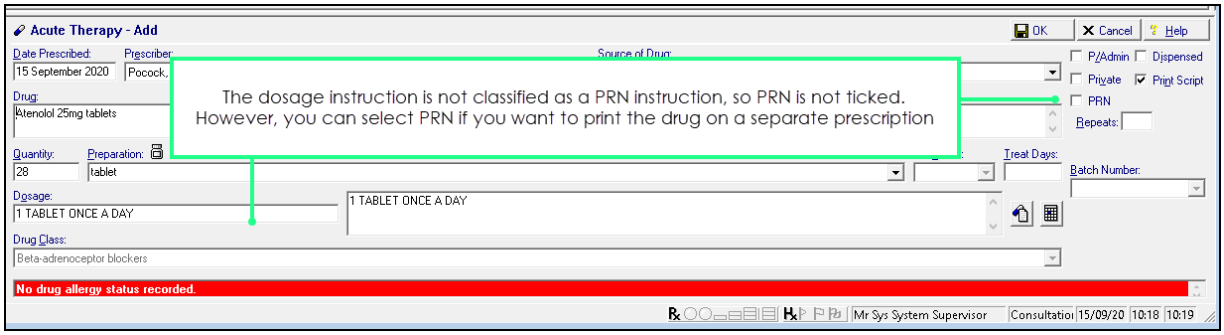
- PRN
- When required
- As required
- If required
- When needed
- As needed
- If needed
- Practice defined dosage codes that contain '*As Needed*' instructions
- Dosage instructions that contain '*PRN*' instructions within them. For example, "*1-2 puffs four times a day as required*"



Note – PRN printing settings are set up from **Management Tools** – **Control Panel**. See Management Tools – Therapy Settings on page 12.

Therapy Add – Non-PRN Dosage Instructions

The option to select PRN is available for all drugs and not limited to drugs with '*As Needed*' dosage instructions. Tick **PRN** to print the medication on a separate prescription:



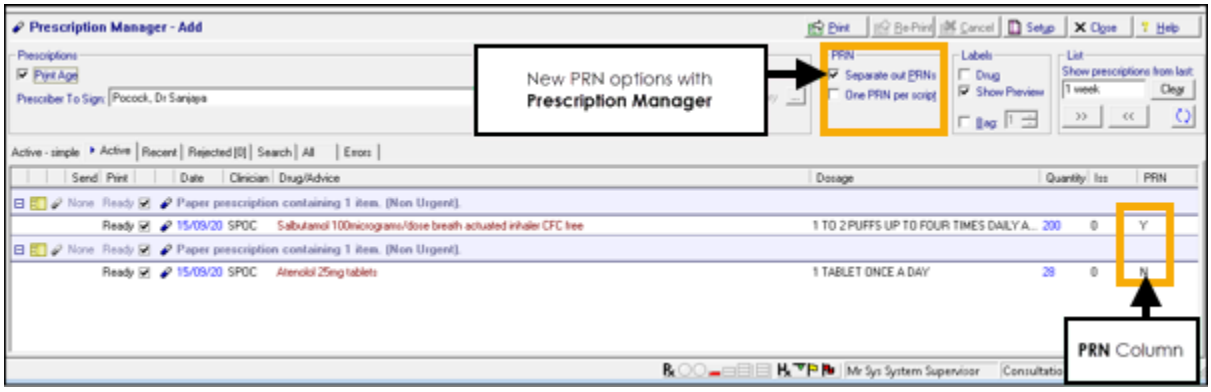
Reauthorising Medication

The option to select PRN is only available when adding new medication. To convert repeat medication into PRN items, highlight the repeat master and select **Re-authorise** then tick **PRN**. The PRN repeat medication will then print on a separate prescription to other repeat items.

Training Tip – You may want to consider including PRN items in your reauthorisation/medication review protocol.

Printing/Sending Prescriptions with PRN Dosage Codes

Drugs printed/sent with an '*As Needed*' instruction display in the **Active** tab of the **Prescription Manager** screen, along with other acute and repeat medication ready to print.



Prescription Manager now also includes a PRN column and new PRN options:

- **Separate out PRNs** – Defaults to print/send PRN items on a separate prescription. This option can be deselected. Removing the tick prints/sends PRN and non-PRN drugs on the same prescription.
- **One PRN item per script** – Select to print/send one PRN item per prescription.
- **PRN Box** – Remove the tick from the PRN box to print/send PRN drugs on the same prescription as non-PRN items

Note – Controlled drugs and drugs eligible for endorsement, for example, Contraceptives using PRN instructions, also print separately from other drugs with '*As Needed*' dosage codes.

Reminder Scotland – Only two items print/send per Chronic Medication Service (CMS serial prescription). This also applies to CMS items with PRN instructions.

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Non-PRN items print on a separate prescription

Note – You can change the printer settings for PRN drugs from **Management Tools** – **Control Panel.** See Management Tools – Therapy Settings on page 12.

Repeat Reorder Form

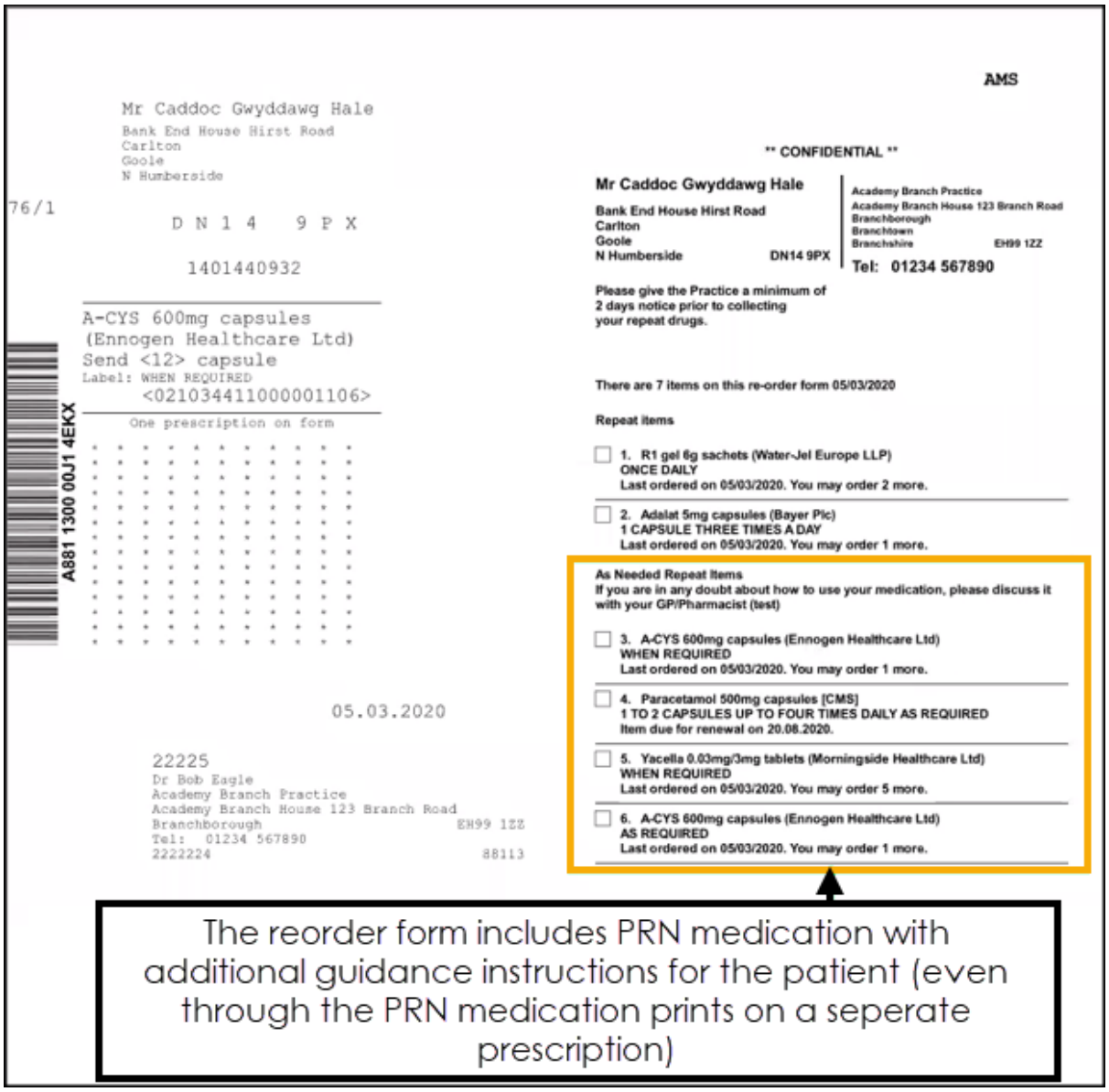
The reorder form prints on the right-hand side of a prescription and displays all repeat medication for a patient, including PRN items.

From **Prescription Manager**, the following PRN options are now available:

- **Separate out PRNs**

– Tick to print PRN medication under a separate heading on the reorder form. Headings and additional guidance instructions are set up in **Management Tools** – **Control Panel**. See Management Tools – Therapy Settings page 12.
- **Separate out PRNs**

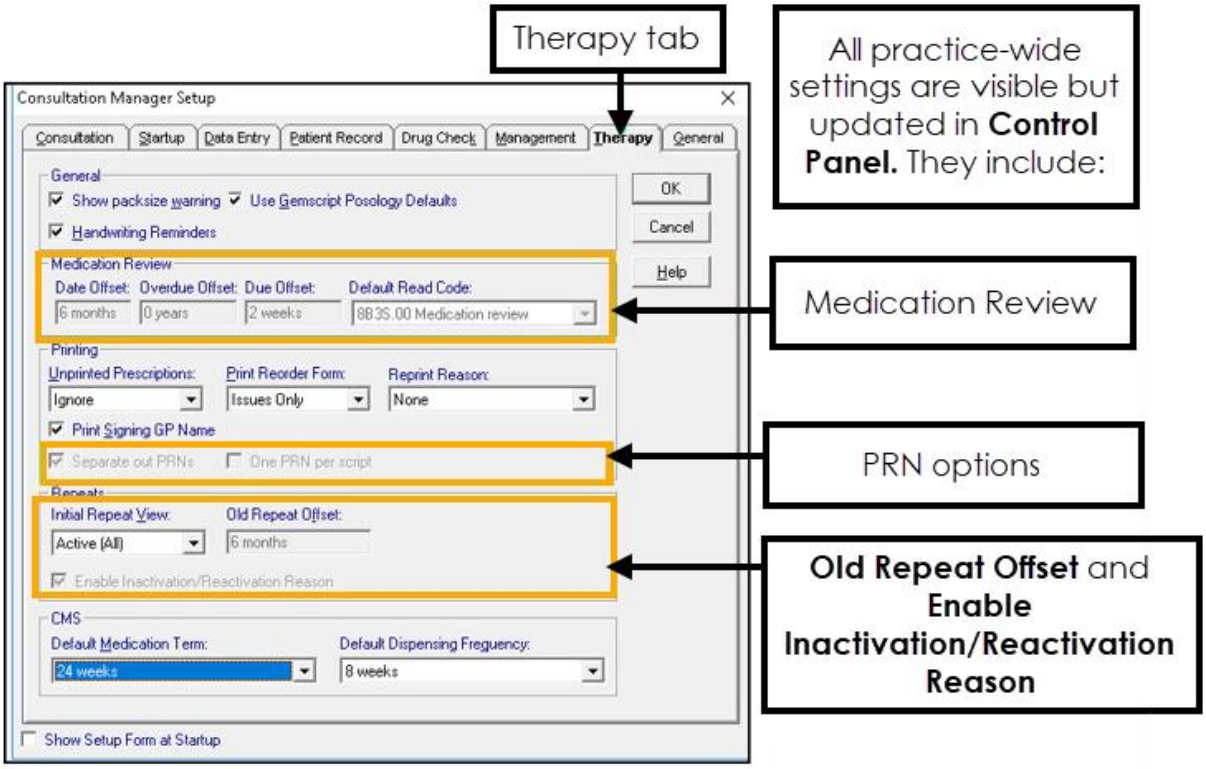
– Untick **Separate out PRNs** to print PRN and non-PRN items on the same reorder form.



Therapy Settings

Practice-wide therapy settings are visible but disabled in **Consultation Manager** – **Options** – **Setup** – **Therapy**. To update PRN and practice-wide therapy settings, see Management Tools – Therapy Settings page 12.

Note - The example below is for practices in Scotland and it displays **Chronic Medication Service** (**CMS**). For practices in England, **Repeat Dispensing** (**RD**) options are available in the setup and like **CMS** can still be updated from here:



Management Tools – Therapy Settings

PRN and practice wide therapy settings are now configured in **Vision Management Tools**:

To view and update the settings:

1. Login to **Vision 3** as a system administrator.
2. Select **Management Tools** – **Control Panel**

and then select **File Maintenance**.
3. Select **Settings**

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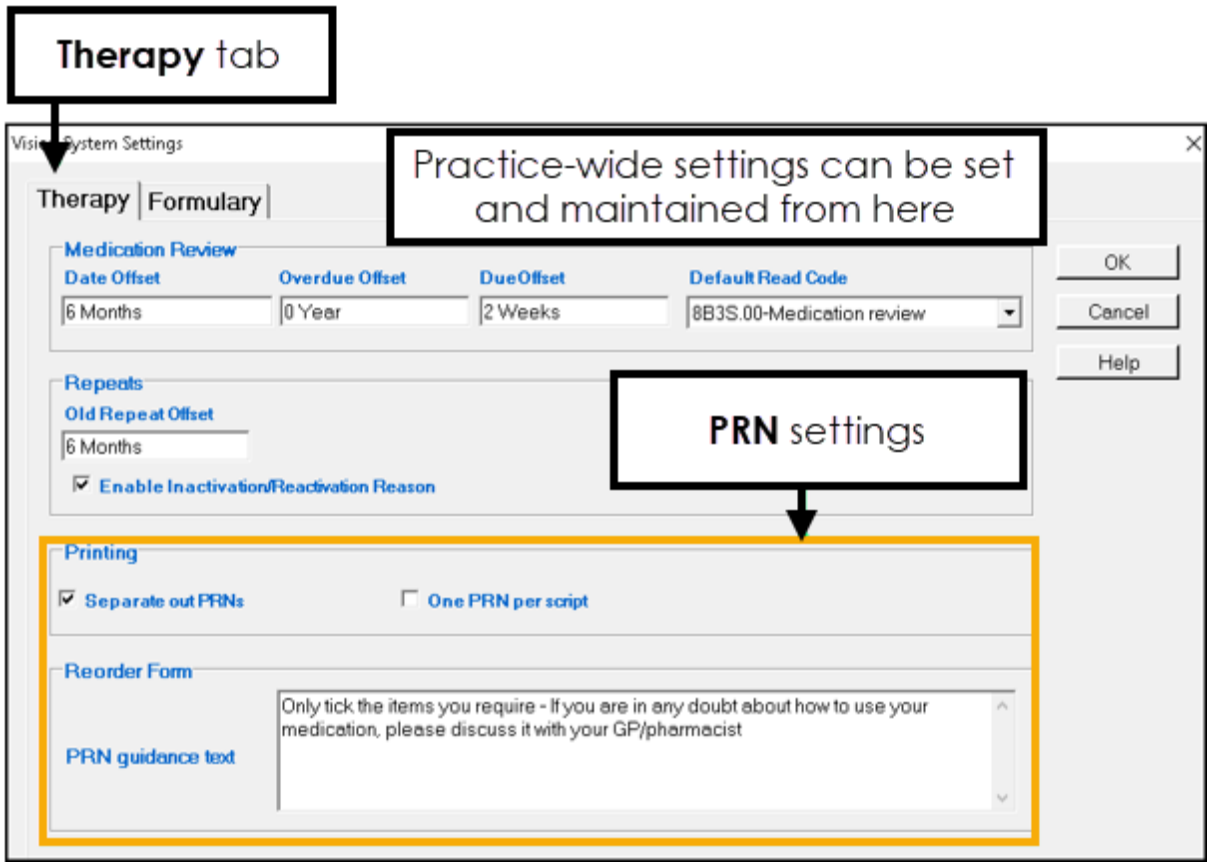
4. The **Vision System Settings** screen displays the **Therapy** tab:



- **Medication Review** – These settings define the defaults for medication reviews. You can use the following abbreviations: **D** (Days), **M** (Months), **Y** (Years). For example **6M** (6 months).
    - **Date Offset** – Set the period in the future when you want to carry out the medication review, the default is six months.
    - **Overdue Offset** - Set the period after the review is due that you want it to display as over due, the default is zero.
    - **Due Offset** - Set the period before the review is due when you want to be reminded, the default is minus two weeks.
    - **Default Read Code** - The Read code you want to use for medication reviews.
- **Repeats**
    - **Old Repeat Offset** – Enter a time period, for example **18m** (18 months). Repeat masters not issued during this time display in red on the left-hand column in the **Repeat Master** screen.
    - **Enable Inactive/Reactivation Reason** - You cannot delete repeat masters once issued. To stop a repeat master it must be inactivated. This option enables you to select inactive/reactivation reasons.
- **Printing**
    - **Separate out PRN's** – Select to switch on the option to print/send PRN medication on a separate prescription.
    - **One PRN per script** – Tick to print/send only one PRN item per prescription.
- **Reorder Form**
    - **PRN guidance text** – Enter guidance text to assist the patient when ordering PRN items.