




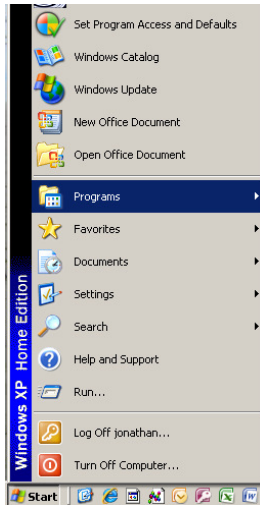
## How to check the expiry date of your Smartcard certificate



As from June 2008 there is due to be a system upgrade to the spine that will *force* smartcard certificates to be renewed within the pharmacy before they expire; however until this upgrade, a few smartcards will need to be renewed by the PCT, or at a terminal that can renew the certificate. This may be your local GP practice. If the smartcard is not renewed before the expiry date then the card cannot be used until revalidated.

The PCT will try to contact pharmacists whose card is due to expire, but you can check your own card by following the instructions below. (Not all pharmacy systems can provide this information on screen).

1. Log in to the system with your smartcard.
2. Click on the start  button in the bottom left and corner of the screen.
3. Select "Programmes" or "All Programmes" from the menu



4. Select the "Gemplus" programme
5. Select the "Gemsafe Toolbox"
6. Select "Certificates"
7. Select the latest red certificate on the right hand side
8. Click on "Show Details"
9. You will then see "Valid from" date.
10. If this date is within the next 3 months then you should arrange for the certificate to be renewed. Contact your PCT ETP lead to see how this can be done, possibly at your local GP surgery.