

Pharmaceutical Services

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**ALL COMMUNITY PHARMACISTS
IN NHS LANARKSHIRE
PLEASE SHARE WITH ALL LOCUMS**

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Dear Colleague,

PCA (P) (2008) 17 – ADDITIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES: MINOR ALIMENT SERVICE & PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE DIRECTIONS, SERVICE SPECIFICATIONS & PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

NHS LANARKSHIRE – UPDATE NO: 2

As mentioned in the first NHS Lanarkshire letter about this circular, dated 28th August 2008, we expect there will be many updates in the weeks and months ahead. This is update 2.

SMOKING CESSATION SERVICE

Discussions have taken place with the:

- NHS Lanarkshire Pharmacy Contractors Committee.
- NHS Lanarkshire Smoking Cessation Service.
- NHS Lanarkshire Pharmacy Champions.

The outcome has been agreement on the following issues:

1. It is vital that national minimum data set is completed and returned speedily after Community Pharmacists have carried out their 4 week follow-up of smoking status.

To aid a quick return there are 2 options. Either send by secure fax to

**ANNE BUCHANAN
SECRETARY TO CHIEF PHARMACIST PRIMARY CARE
STRATHCLYDE HOSPITAL
AIRBLES ROAD
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OR

Send by secure .nhs.net mail to Anne.Buchanan@nhs.net

NB the forms contain patient identifiable data so should only be e-mailed to and from e-mail accounts secured for this purpose. NHS.NET accounts are suitable.

2. One hard copy of the current version of this form is enclosed. Further copies can be obtained by photocopying this master or downloading from the Public Health Service Contractors Support Pack on www.communitypharmacyscotland.org website.
3. I stress that the version currently available on that website is the current version. There are moves afoot at a national level to update this version and when that is done there will be further communication to advise you of this and of the requirement to move onto the updated version.
4. The service specification for the service requires you to provide both written and verbal information to the person attempting to stop smoking. Enclosed with this letter are 12 copies of the Aspire magazine. The purpose of this is to provide local pharmacists with the same written information used in the NHS Lanarkshire smoking cessation service. This provides a useful degree of consistency. Should you need further copies, these can be arranged in the first instance by contacting Anne Buchanan, details as above.

In addition, we anticipate that this resource will be updated during October and further supplies will be sent from a central source to every Community Pharmacy in Scotland from Monday the 23rd of October.

5. We are currently working with the NHS Lanarkshire Smoking Cessation Service to provide some further training opportunities for Community Pharmacists and their support staff. We hope this will take place on a mid week evening towards the end of October in the Ronald Miller Suite at Wishaw General Hospital. When the details of this and other training opportunities are finalized there will be a further update.
6. There is a meeting with the Pharmacy Champions on Monday the 6th of October. One of our key points for discussion will be how the Pharmacy Champions can cascade training and advice about the Smoking Cessation, Emergency Hormonal Contraception and Chlamydia Testing & Treatment Services.

EMERGENCY HORMONAL CONTRACEPTION & CHLAMYDIA TESTING & TREATMENT SERVICES

Work is ongoing at national level to agree the Patient Group Directions necessary for these services. It is hoped that this will be completed very soon. That being the case we anticipate the EHC Service to commence shortly thereafter within NHS Lanarkshire and work is also ongoing to commence the Chlamydia Testing & Treatment Services as soon as practical. Further detail about these services, included additional support and training materials will be the subject of a further update in the next week or two.

Yours sincerely

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