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**ALL COMMUNITY PHARMACISTS
IN NHS LANARKSHIRE
PLEASE SHARE WITH ALL
LOCUMS AND SUPPORT STAFF AS
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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: 4

This letter is being faxed to all NHS Lanarkshire pharmacies. The only attachment being faxed is the NHS Lanarkshire version of the national minimum data set. The letter with all attachments is also being distributed to all pharmacists and support staff on our nhs.net distribution list. This remains our preferred method of distribution and we continue to encourage all pharmacists/support staff to obtain an nhs.net e-mail address. This can be readily arranged via Delia Bryce, Community Pharmacy IM&T facilitator, Tel 01698 377801, Delia.bryce@nhs.net.

Additionally the letter and attachments will be available on the NHS Lanarkshire section of www.communitypharmacy.scot.nhs.uk from Tuesday 11th Nov.

SMOKING CESSATION SERVICE

The purpose of this update is to alert pharmacists of a range of updated paperwork and support materials for the smoking cessation service.

The anticipation is that this paperwork will be frequently required and pharmacists will be able to download any number of copies they require from the website. The support materials available are as follows:

1. The NHS Lanarkshire version of the National Minimum Dataset Proforma

This is tailored to give clear details about how the completed form should be returned to NHS Lanarkshire. It is essential that one of these forms is completed for each quit attempt and patients require a new form for each new quit attempt. Section A, B & C are completed at the patient's first assessment and section D is completed four weeks later. Thereafter the form is returned to NHS Lanarkshire who will follow the patient up at three months and twelve months.

2. Lanarkshire Stop Smoking Service client record

It is not essential that pharmacists use this record for each of their patients, but experience within the Stop Smoking Service indicates that it is a simple yet effective way of maintaining clarity about each patient's stage in their quit attempt. In addition, it also provides a fairly easy way for pharmacists to assess how many patients are at month 1, month 2 and month 3 of their quit attempts and therefore will help completion of the fee claim form.

3. NHS Lanarkshire referral form

This form is suitable to help to provide seamless care if patients are referred from Lanarkshire Stop Smoking Service to a Community Pharmacy or vice versa. If you want to use this form to refer a patient to the Lanarkshire Stop Smoking Service you can complete it and hand it to the patient for them to take with them to the Stop Smoking Service.

4. Guidance on issues for pharmacists to discuss with patients presenting at the pharmacy

This is useful guidance which a pharmacist may discuss with a patient to help them decide the most appropriate support for their quit attempt.

5. Checklist for issues for Champions to discuss with Community Pharmacists

The Champions are active in contacting all community pharmacies in their areas to discuss a number of key issues relating to the smoking cessation and the sexual health services and EAMS. A copy of the checklist of the issues they will be discussing is now posted on the website.

6. Key Contacts for NHS Lanarkshire Stop Smoking Services

There is every intention that a good rapport will be formed by Stop Smoking Service facilitators in each of the localities and the community pharmacists within these localities. This information provides contact details for the facilitators.

7. Key Contacts for Community Pharmacies

An updated list of the key contacts for community pharmacy contact details and the pharmacies they cover is also included. There is also a list of the pharmacies which each champion covers.

8. Claim Form

The claim form is Annex E of circular PCA (P) (2008)17 and is available on the website.

9. Information about NRT preparations.

Some useful comparative information is also available on the website.

We hope these support materials will be useful, but recognize they are being used for the first time in community pharmacies. If anyone has constructive comment about how the paperwork may be improved we would be happy to hear your suggestion. Please contact Anne Buchanan on 01698 245058, Anne.Buchanan@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk in the first instance

SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES

Work is ongoing on making the Patient Group Directions for Emergency Hormonal Contraception and Chlamydia treatment available in NHS Lanarkshire. We hope and intend to approve these soon initially for patients age 16 and over. However, even with restrictions to that age group we recognize that patients under 16 may present at the community pharmacies and our PGDs must give guidance on how these patients should be supported. This is clearly a vital issue and it is important that the guidance we give is fully supported within NHS Lanarkshire before we publish the PGD. We are working hard to achieve this coordinated support as fast as possible.

An associated point is that PGDs must be authorized on a health board by health board basis. Locums working across Health Board boundaries or pharmacy companies with branches in different health boards cannot apply PGDS from other health boards within NHS Lanarkshire.

All pharmacists and support staff are reminded of the training available for both these services which is taking place on Tuesday 18th November and Thursday 27th November and the child protection issues associated with under 16s will be major topics at that training. Anyone wishing to attend but who has not yet registered should contact Anne Buchanan on 01698 245058 as soon as possible after Mon 10th Nov.

I am also aware that some pharmacies or pharmacy companies have been purchasing Chlamydia test kits. This is not necessary for the system we will employ in NHS Lanarkshire involves the health board making kits available directly to the pharmacies. The kits are designed for posting to a local lab who will do the testing.

Yours sincerely

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