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

Date 15 December 2008
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Dear Colleague,

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

NHS LANARKSHIRE – UPDATE NO: 6

This letter is being faxed to all NHS Lanarkshire pharmacies without the attachment.

The letter with attachment 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 account. This can be readily arranged via Delia Bryce, Community Pharmacy IM&T Facilitator, telephone 01698 377801, Delia.Bryce@nhs.net

Additionally, arrangements have been made for the letter and attachment to be available on the NHS Lanarkshire section of www.communitypharmacy.scot.nhs.uk from Tuesday 16th December 2008.

SMOKING CESSATION SERVICE

The paperwork completion for this service has improved lately with a greater proportion of pharmacists now completing the 4 week follow-up. In some cases, however, the 4 week follow-up is occurring at 4 weeks after the initial appointment date rather than 4 weeks after the patients quit date. It should be 4 weeks after the patients quit date.

I have to take some responsibility for potential confusion over this issue for previous letters/guidance should have been clearer about this point. I apologise for that I hope that this potential for confusion is now clarified.

Additionally, the NHS Lanarkshire Minimum Dataset Proforma has been modified to make it clear that the 4 week follow-up refers specifically to 4 week post quit date follow-up. This updated form is enclosed as an attachment.

Carol Rattray is the person who inputs the information onto the database. When Carol notices errors in completion she will continue to phone pharmacies to seek clarity on the information. Of course it is more efficient for all of us if we can learn from recent experience and therefore avoid such calls.

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COMPLETING CPUS FORMS

Victoria Hepworth at ISD has written to each Health Board requesting the following.

“As you know the 3 drugs under the Public Health Service are being captured on the urgent supply forms. Traditionally data captured on these forms is linked to the GP Practice; however the 3 items under the Public Health Service (Nicotine, Levonorgestrel & Azithromycin) are not to go against GP Practices. To this end, ISD has set-up “dummy” codes for each of the Boards so that this data can be captured and reported on.”

The code to be used for Lanarkshire is **999L5** and I would be grateful if you could include this on each CPUS form that you use to prescribe under the Public Health Service. These forms are manually finished and the code can be written anywhere at the bottom of the script.

Yours sincerely

GEORGE LINDSAY
CHIEF PHARMACIST
NHS LANARKSHIRE PRIMARY CARE

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Delia Bryce, Community Pharmacy IM&T Facilitator, NHS Lanarkshire