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

Date 23 December 2008
Your Ref
Our Ref GL/AB

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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: 7

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

The letter 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 as soon as the holiday period allows.

SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES

An A4 poster and 6 Chlamydia Postal Test Kits (3 male, 3 female) are supplied along with this letter. They are being distributed by courier commencing Mon 29 Dec and are likely to be available in all pharmacies by Fri 9 Jan 2009.

The Postal Test Kits are to be used as described in the PGD for azithromycin which is available from the NHS Lanarkshire section of www.communitypharmacy.scot.nhs.uk Further supplies can be arranged by contacting Anne Buchanan at the number above.

The poster gives an opportunity to advertise the contracted Sexual Health Services within the pharmacies and it also makes a point about the importance of condoms as a preventative measure. I hope you will be happy to display the poster. There is also an intention to prepare an A3 size in the New Year, but before that is produced I will seek feedback on the A4 poster. This will be done by means of the questionnaire we will be sending all pharmacies early in the New Year to gain their feedback about how the services have gone to date and in particular any child protection issues which have arisen.

SIGNING UP TO THE PGDs

The PGDs were distributed in early December. To date approx. 100 pharmacists have signed up to the Levonorgestrel PGD and 70 the Azithromycin PGD. I understand that December is a very busy time for community pharmacists and that it takes some time to read and comprehend the PGDs. Nevertheless, with the exception of 6 pharmacies in NHS Lanarkshire who have actively opted out of the Emergency Contraception Service, there is a requirement for all pharmacies to provide these services.

Consequently, the expectation is that all pharmacists should sign and return the relevant PGDs by Fri 9th January 2009. Anne will follow up any pharmacy not represented thereafter. This is important in order that we can be assured of service delivery from pharmacies and when that is the case it paves the way for publicising the services more effectively.

Yours sincerely

**GEORGE LINDSAY
CHIEF PHARMACIST
NHS LANARKSHIRE PRIMARY CARE**

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Community Pharmacy Practitioner Champions x10

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