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

Date 6th January 2009
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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: 8

This letter along with the attachment is being faxed to all NHS Lanarkshire community pharmacies today. It should be shared with all locums and support staff as appropriate and we are happy to get more than one response per pharmacy.

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

In addition, arrangements have been made for the letter and attachment to be made available on the NHS Lanarkshire section of www.communitypharmacy.scot.nhs.uk

FEEDBACK ON SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICE PROVISION

Since December 2008, the treatment of uncomplicated chlamydia infection could be provided from all 117 Community Pharmacies in NHS Lanarkshire. 111 Community Pharmacies have also signed up for the NHS supply of Emergency Contraception. The authority to supply the relevant medicines for each of these services is given via Patient Group Directions and they allow treatment for patients from 13 years of age.

We were always conscious that in providing the services for this age group that important child protection issues could arise. For that reason they were three particular sections within the PGDs providing advice on these matters. These were the following sections:

- Consent for under 16s.
- Additional local child protection information and procedure.
- The proformas for recording details of a patient consultation

We committed to following up experience of the services in early January and again in February 2009 with particular emphasis on patients under the age of 16 presenting at the pharmacies. The attached questionnaire is the mechanism for gaining that feedback.

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Responses should be with us by Friday 16th January. The answers will be reviewed to identify any further support which should be provided from NHS Lanarkshire and they will also inform the local NES training course about child protection called "It's everyone's job to make sure I'm alright." which will take place on Tuesday 20th January.

COMPLETING PGD AUTHORISATION BY ALL PHARMACIES

Any number of copies of the PGDs and the recommended proformas for recording a patient consultation can be downloaded from the NHS Lanarkshire section of www.communitypharmacy.scot.nhs.uk The majority of pharmacies have now returned signed copies of the authorisation sheet. We always expected that with December being such a busy month it would take into January for returns to come from all pharmacies, but we now expect all pharmacies (except the 6 who have actively opted out of the Emergency Contraception service) to return their authorisation sheets by Fri 9th January. From that date Anne will contact individual pharmacies who have not yet responded.

PUBLICITY POSTER

Approximately half of NHS Lanarkshire pharmacies have already received deliveries of a publicity poster and also supplies of chlamydia postal testing kits. These are being delivered by courier and all pharmacies should have received their delivery within the next fortnight. It is possible that an A2 poster could be made available in the future and the questionnaire provides an opportunity to provide feedback on the current poster and therefore influence future drafts.

Questionnaire responses should be sent to

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by Friday 16th January 2009.

Yours sincerely

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