

PRIMARY CARE CONTRACTOR ORGANISATION

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To All Community Pharmacies in NHS Lothian

Dear Colleague

GLUTEN FREE FOOD (GFF) ADDITIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICE

Please find enclosed the Scottish Government circular PCA(P)(2013)29 including the service specification (Annex B) for introduction of the new Gluten Free Food (GFF) Additional Pharmaceutical Service (APS) on a trial basis during 2014/15.

If you would like to sign up for this service, please complete and return the form on p2 to the address above by Friday 17th January 2014 marked for my attention.

This is necessary to allow patients to register for the service from 20th January 2014.

Please also find enclosed a copy of the Lothian Joint Formulary which lists the products that can be prescribed and supplied by the pharmacist. This can also be accessed at <http://www.ljf.scot.nhs.uk/LothianJointFormularies/Adult/Gluten%20Free/Pages/Gluten%20Free.aspx> and www.ljf.scot.nhs.uk/LothianJointFormularies/Child/Gluten-free%20products/Pages/Gluten-free%20products.aspx.

The NES Gluten-Free Food Service Implementation and Support Pack will be mailed by NES to community pharmacy premises in December 2013. This resource is also available in *pdf format at www.nes.scot.nhs.uk/pharmacy.

In addition you may wish to view a recording of the webinar and note the regional event being held in January.

National Webinar - Broadcast at 7 pm - 9 pm on Thursday 12th December 2013.

From 13th December 2013 the recording of the webinar will be available to view as a webcast. Participants who have not previously accessed a NES webinar must register in advance with the webinar hosts at www.neswebinars.co.uk for authorisation purposes. This link should also be used to login to the live event and the subsequent recording.

Regional Event -Tuesday 14th January 2014 at 7 pm - 9 pm at the Scottish Health Service Centre, Crewe Road South, Edinburgh, EH4 2LF. Please book your place at www.portal.scot.nhs.uk.

Yours sincerely

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Contractor Support Officer

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**PROVISION OF GLUTEN FREE FOOD SERVICE
COMMUNITY PHARMACY OPT- IN FORM**

Pharmacy Name:	
Address:	
Contractor Code:	
Name of pharmacist who will be responsible for the management and delivery of the service:	

I agree to ensure:

Compliance with the Gluten Free Food (GFF) Additional Pharmaceutical Service (APS) specification as detailed in NHS Circular: PCA(P)(2013)29.

And that:

- Pharmacy staff have completed the Implementation and Support Pack provided by NHS Education for Scotland and are competent to operate the service.
- Locum staff used by the pharmacy are competent to provide the service.
- Patient registration records are retained by the pharmacy for the duration of the trial.
- The Lothian Joint Formulary will be adhered to for prescribing.

Declaration on behalf of contractor code:

I declare that the information I shall provide to the Health Board and Practitioners' Services Division on behalf of the Health Board relating to the registration of patients for the Gluten Free Food Additional Pharmaceutical Service and reimbursement for any items dispensed under the trial will be correct and complete and I understand that if it is not, action may be taken against me. I acknowledge that my claims will be authenticated from appropriate records, and that payment will be made to my pharmacy, which will be subject to Payment Verification. Where Practitioners' Services Division is unable to obtain authentication, I acknowledge that the onus is on me to provide documentary evidence to support all claims.

Pharmacist's signature:
Date:

Pharmacy Stamp: