

Community Pharmacy Champions Newsletter



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Hellos and Goodbyes

We are delighted to welcome Dawn to the post of Lead Pharmacist for PLGs and Community Pharmacy Development, taking over from Anne Lorimer who retired in May 2015. Dawn joined us in December from Primary Care and brings with her a wealth of experience from her time in both community pharmacy and primary care. She is based at the Royal Edinburgh Hospital, works Monday to Thursday each week and can be contacted on 0131 537 6625, Dawn.Owen@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk



Dawn Owen

We are sorry to see Louise retire from her post as ePharmacy Facilitator and wish her well. Louise has held this post for 10 years and in that time has supported us all through the ups and downs of the implementation of the new pharmacy contract. Recruitment to her post is now underway and we will let you know once a replacement has been appointed.



Louise Galloway

Pharmacy Locality Group Meetings- WATCH THIS SPACE

Following the formation of the Health and Social Care Partnerships across Lothian, we are reviewing the structure and content of the PLG meetings and have decided to temporarily suspend them. Keep an eye out for more information. Your local pharmacy champion is still around for two-way communication.

Healthy Start Vitamins- Are You Confused?

The voucher system for obtaining these vitamins through community pharmacy ended in September 2015. In Lothian the supply route for Healthy Start vitamins for eligible patients is via their midwife or health visitor. The Healthy Start website is being updated to reflect these changes. These products are not included on the Minor Ailments Formulary; neither is their supply supported through the use of CP(US) forms using the public health reference code.

Any Healthy Start beneficiaries should be directed to their midwife or health visitor to obtain supplies. Community pharmacists can sell the products to non-beneficiaries or supply them against a valid prescription.

Specials – Endorsing information

Make sure you are endorsing properly to ensure correct payment. Specials included in part 7S or 7U of the Drug Tariff do not need authorisation or endorsing, the price is fixed and no separate fees will be paid. For specials not in part 7S of the Drug Tariff, use the endorsement “sp” and endorse the price in pence pppp, which should be the invoice price less any discount or rebate and excluding VAT. There is a fixed handling charge of £30.00 per item that should be endorsed as “hc 3000”. You can claim a £30.00 handling charge for each item even if they are on the same prescription and purchased at the same time. Any additional out of pocket expenses should be endorsed as “xp” and again this should be in pence. All endorsing information must be added electronically and this must match what is on the paper prescription. Do not clip copies of the invoice to the prescription, but submit them altogether at the rear of the monthly prescription bundle.

Levonelle updated PGD - just a reminder

All pharmacists should sign the new, revised Lothian-wide PGD for EHC (version 008) which has just been released and has recently been circulated. Updated copies can be found on the SHOW community pharmacy NHS Lothian website. This version supercedes Version 007 which was circulated in February 2016 and is valid until May 2019.

One change to note: It no longer allows for a double dose of Levonelle to be supplied to patients on enzyme-inducing drugs; these patients must be referred to an authorised prescriber.

ScriptSwitch in Lothian

ScriptSwitch is a GP prescribing support tool that intervenes at the point of prescribing. It will help support prescribing according to the LJJ, support cost-effective prescribing and improve quality and patient safety. The message profile is created and deployed by our Lothian Pharmacy ScriptSwitch team. It can be used to support more than prescribing efficiencies; information relating to recent MHRA safety warnings and relevant out of stocks can also be included. 108 practices across Lothian now have ScriptSwitch installed.

If you have any feedback or questions, or if you feel ScriptSwitch is affecting you in any way, please feel free to contact our team at scriptswitchteam@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk

ALISS -access your account today!

Did you know that your pharmacy may already have an ALISS account? If you are a member of CPS, then this will have been created for you; if not, why not create one today?

ALISS is - A Local Information System for Scotland, funded by the Scottish Government. It is a search tool for health and wellbeing resources in Scotland, signposting patients to local services, events and activities. It is a dynamic resource and account holders can contribute information and comment on information already available. If your account has been created for you, it will contain a generic description of your pharmacy.

ALISS can be accessed from the CPS website www.communitypharmacyscotland.org.uk and from www.aliss.org. Help your patients who are unable to access information electronically to find services to help support their long term health conditions and social needs.

Contact www.aliss.org if you would like more information.

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