

# Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate

## Weekly Update

Dear All,

A gentle reminder that all pharmacy queries should continue to be sent to:

[gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot)

### 1. COVID Guidance for Pharmacy Teams- From 1<sup>st</sup> May

Included in CP Scotland Newsletter. There are some changes to COVID Guidance from May 1<sup>st</sup>. Full details can be found [here](#). Guidance changes include details of routine asymptomatic testing, what you should do if staff members are showing symptoms, positive LFD test results and confirmed cases of COVID-19 in your pharmacy. Please familiarise yourself with the new guidance.

### 2. Shortage Protocols- HRT

NHS Grampian Medicine Management Department continue to work alongside Medicine Information to monitor and advise on stock supply issues. When appropriate, information will be shared with primary care teams and community pharmacy with regard to alternative products, referral criteria etc.

A reminder that the Specialist Pharmacist Service have a Medicine Supply Tool which can provide up-to-date information on known stock issues which can often help in decision making with regard to shortages (registration with NHS email address required). Located [here](#).

In reference to recent shortage of HRT products the British Menopause Society website is a useful resource which provides regular updates with regard to stock levels. Website located [here](#).

### 3. Breastfeeding Friendly Scotland

We wanted to invite you to sign up to the Breastfeeding Friendly Scotland Scheme. Some pharmacies across Grampian have already signed up, and for that we thank you.

We know that pharmacies are a key part of our communities, by signing up to the scheme families can see that support is in place within key establishments, and can feed their babies, should they need to, safe in the knowledge that your team will be supportive of them.

We invite you to complete the attached form on behalf of your pharmacy and email back to us at the above email address.

If you have any queries, please feel free to email BffScotland at [gram.bffscotland@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.bffscotland@nhs.scot).



#### 4. Reminder- SLA Contract Pack 2022-23

The individual local service level agreements are now being uploaded to the CP Grampian website [here](#). Please return the SLA Single Sign Up sheet to Primary Care Contracts ([gram.pcctpharmacy@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.pcctpharmacy@nhs.scot)) by **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May**. This includes the requirement to detail your buddy pharmacy and confirmation that you have in place a business continuity plan for your pharmacy. If you have issues with downloading or have any queries in relation to SLA content please contact PCS team.

#### 5. Reminder-NHS Grampian Locum Community Pharmacist Pack & Locum Evening

The NHS Grampian Locum Pack is now available for download on the CP Grampian website [here](#). We will also be hosting a Locum Evening event on the **12<sup>th</sup> May 19:00-20:30** via Microsoft Teams. This event is open to all pharmacists, with a particular focus on locum community pharmacists. If you would like to attend please email us at [gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot) for a link to join this event.

Have a great weekend.

Kindest regards,



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