

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate

Weekly Update

Dear All,

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

gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot

1. Updated Version of NHS Pharmacy First Scotland Approved List- From 1st May

The updated Pharmacy First Approved List is now available [here](#).

This is now also published on the Grampian Area Formulary website below:

[Grampian Area Formulary \(scot.nhs.uk\)](http://Grampian Area Formulary (scot.nhs.uk)) and the SHOW Website [here](#).

2. Community Pharmacy Funding from 1st April

PCA(P)(2022)08 sets out the details of the community pharmacy funding arrangements 2022-23. This forms part of the 3-year settlement introduced in April 2020. To review the circular [click here](#).

3. PHS Poster Reminder & Guidance- Sexual Assault

A reminder to all community pharmacies that they should all currently be displaying the Sexual Assault Response Coordination Service (SARCS) poster below. If any pharmacy has not received it they should contact our printers APS Group by emailing stockorders.DPPAS@theapsgroup.com

The PHS poster campaign list is still being finalised for the current financial year. However, we can confirm that the current poster on SARCS should continue to be displayed until week commencing 13 June 2022. A further update on campaigns will be sent once finalised.

Please also note guidance for healthcare professionals on SARCS was published on 1st April. It summarises how to support someone who discloses rape or sexual assault and the options available to them. This guidance is available online, along with leaflets for members of the public at - [Supporting documents - Sexual Assault Response Coordination Service \(SARCS\): information - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)

4. Antimicrobial Stewardship in Community Pharmacy Study

The attached study on Antimicrobial Stewardship is led by the University of Strathclyde in collaboration with HIS and is funded by NES. The purpose is to explore community pharmacists' and their teams awareness, attitudes and behaviours regarding antimicrobial stewardship and their engagement with the public to raise awareness of antimicrobial resistance and the appropriate use of antimicrobials.

We would be grateful if you could support the request of the University to complete this survey and also to encourage colleagues from within your teams to complete as well. As you will see there are two distinct surveys to be completed dependent on whether the colleague is a pharmacist or part of the pharmacy team.



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As well as the QR codes and information leaflets attached, the surveys can be accessed through the following links

Pharmacist: https://strathsci.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3a56zd328TRXW1T

Non-pharmacist: https://strathsci.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dhXzyKABCmS9S3b

Thanking you in anticipation of your engagement in this important evaluation

5. Training - Health Literacy & Gypsy/Traveller Community

Within the Scottish Government's Action Plan, Improving the lives of Gypsy/Travellers: 2019-2021, there was an action to support community pharmacists to use health literacy tools and techniques. An eLearning module on health literacy was developed and tested by community pharmacists and then originally promoted during Health Literacy month in October 2020.

In addition to the health literacy module, there is another training module available that provides more detail explaining the background of Gypsy/Travellers and giving a rationale of why some individuals may not access healthcare services in the same way that the settled community might. For anyone undertaking this training we would recommend to do the Raising awareness module prior to the health literacy module. Links to both are as follows:-

[Raising awareness of Gypsy Traveller communities | Turas | Learn \(nhs.scot\)](#)
[Communication matters: why health literacy is important | Turas | Learn \(nhs.scot\)](#) (Note: you may not be able to access Turas without an account)

6. Reminder-COVID Guidance for Pharmacy Teams

Included in CP Scotland Newsletter. There are some changes to COVID Guidance from May 1st. 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. **A reminder that PPE must continue to be worn by all staff working in community pharmacies.**

7. 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) by **Friday 13th 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.

Have a great weekend.

Kindest regards,



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