

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate

Weekly Update

Dear All,

All pharmacy queries should continue to be sent to:

gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot

1. Weekly Update

Thank you for taking the time to read the key messages from the week. Do you and your team routinely read these updates? We are asking all pharmacies to complete the 2 minute survey below (if you don't complete, we will presume you haven't read this update):

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=veDvEDCgykuAnLXmdF5JmgLo1OAaOCdFhN0TKYXM9GBUNUhBUU0yVIBGMkNOSDMzMDcxRVMzMVhCQS4u>

2. Updated Guidance - LFD Testing Flowchart

Attached is an updated flowchart outlining guidance on LFD testing and what to do if you test COVID positive. Also enclosed is a Risk Assessment template you may wish to adapt for your pharmacy.

3. Liraglutide/Saxenda for Weight Management - Updated Information

Attached is the latest information on the use of Liraglutide/Saxenda. Until a review of the SMC advice has been undertaken and the appropriate specialist service is consulted, NHS Grampian does not support the prescribing of the above for weight management.

4. CPS Newsletter Reminder - Pharmacy First Scotland Disallowed Items

There continues to be an increased number of disallowed items for the NHS Pharmacy First Scotland service. The majority of these are as a result of a technical fix which led to a full enforcement of the Approved list from December 2021 and these claims will not be paid. Reminder prescribed items should be made as they appear in the approved list. For more info [click here](#)

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

Kindest regards,

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