

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate

Weekly Update

Dear All,

There is lots of really important content this week. Please ensure that all staff have access to this weekly communication. All pharmacy queries should continue to be sent to:

gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot

1. Reminder SOP for Closures & PPE

We are aware of the significant levels of sickness and spike in COVID case across Grampian. **A reminder to all pharmacy staff they must continue to wear PPE as a pharmacy is considered a clinical area.** Wearing of PPE will also greatly reduce the likelihood of staff illness.

Another reminder all closures to be reported to Primary Care Contracts at gram.pcctpharmacy@nhs.scot by 10am on the day of closure or as soon as a need to close has been identified. If a closure has been identified complete the attached template and return to PCCT to advise of all details of your closure.

2. Update on Improvement Grant Applications 2022

The NHSG Premises Group has agreed to delay the Improvement Grant Applications for 2022 until September 2022. This change is due to challenges in having applications and work complete within the same financial year. Therefore any applications sent out later this year will be for commenced projects in the following financial year(s). If you have any business critical items please use previous application form to apply for this. We will continue to update you all on this.

3. Funded Studentships

For your information please see link [here](#) and attached information on fully funded PhD studentships. This is a development opportunity for pharmacists working in Scotland with a focus on a community pharmacy research post.

4. Aberdeenshire Alcohol & Drug Partnership

Please see attached poster promoting service meeting at Curl Aberdeen on the 23rd June (6.30pm-9pm). The Aberdeenshire Alcohol & Drugs Partnership's service are currently renewing contracts relating to the service and are inviting individuals to attend the above meeting to seek their views on how the service should be shaped for the future.

5. Paperless Dispensing- Workshop Opportunity

CPS is currently working with NHS National Services Scotland to look at what the future of prescribing and dispensing looks like, in particular when the paper element is removed. As part of this work, there is an online workshop on Wednesday the 22nd



of June from 1-3pm. If you are interested in this please email enquiries@cps.scot to book a place.

6. Changes to PCR Login Process

Please be aware that due to the removal of support for Internet Explorer by Microsoft on 15th June, in order to continue accessing your PCR Association and Login links, you will need to download an application, PCRUA, developed by NSS which will allow you to instead use the Microsoft Edge browser. For additional information please see the CPS webpage [here](#).

7. Reminder: Expression of Interest- Buvidal Administration Service (Aberdeen City)

We are looking for expressions of interest (Eoi) from community pharmacies in Aberdeen City who wish to be involved in a buvidal administration service. This service follows our initial pilot in 5 community pharmacies in Aberdeenshire last year and NHS Grampian are delighted to strive forward as a pioneer Board in this service model provision. If you are interested in delivering this service, or wish to discuss further, please email gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot with "Buvidal Eoi" as the subject line and one of the team will be in touch with you. All Eoi's must be received by Monday 27th June

...and finally, a reminder of The Pharmaceutical Care Services Teams friendly faces and role on the next page. I am sure over the coming months many of you will meet some of the team as they conduct Smoking Cessation, Pharmacy First and MCR support visits. We all man the generic email address and this should be the first point of contact for all queries. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have a query in relation to all Pharmacy Services.

Have a great weekend.

Kindest regards,



Sarah Buchan

Pharmaceutical Services Improvement and Development Manager



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Sarah Buchan
Pharmaceutical Services Improvement & Development Manager

Hello, I am the Pharmaceutical Services Improvement and Development Manager. I am responsible for the development, implementation and delivery of the pharmaceutical services across the 132 pharmacies in NHS Grampian. I work closely with PMD teams, HSCPs and other NHS departments to ensure that pharmaceutical services provided in Grampian meet patient needs and support high quality care, health promotion and disease prevention. I work with teams locally and nationally to ensure NHS Grampian is at the forefront of service development in Scotland and supports national agenda work. I am also responsible for the management of the Pharmaceutical Care Services Team and the Community Pharmacy Champions in NHS Grampian



Craig Marr
Pharmaceutical Care Support Manager

Hello, I am the Project Support Manager in the PCS team. I support the team in managing specific community pharmacy projects e.g. promotion of Pharmacy First, Medication Care and Review and Implementation of Technology. I work with the team to support, facilitate and monitor progress of these projects across the NHS Grampian community pharmacy network.



Marie Livingston
Administration Assistant

Hello, within my role, I provide secretarial and administrative support to the Pharmaceutical Care Services Team and associated groups. This includes assisting colleagues with administrative tasks, communicating with community pharmacy colleagues via email and telephone to assist with queries, the organisation of Pharmaceutical Care Services meetings and minute taking.



Denise Stirling
Public Health Practitioner
(Smoking Cessation & Health Promotion)

Hello, I have worked for NHS Grampian for over 20 years starting as an Auxiliary in Orthopaedics and working my way through various roles. My role as a Public Health Practitioner is to support Community Pharmacy staff in delivering the Smoking Cessation service and other Health Improvement initiatives. I provide access to the all relevant training and resources.



Suzanne Cowie
Public Health Practitioner
(Smoking Cessation & Health Promotion)

Hello, I'm Suzanne. I had 18 years of nursing experience before moving into the Public Health Improvement Team. More recently, I took on a Public Health Practitioner post within the Pharmaceutical Care Services Team, supporting community pharmacies to effectively deliver the core Public Health services, mainly around tobacco and health promotion

