

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

### 1. COVID Cases

As you will be aware, we have seen a huge spike in COVID19 cases over the last 2 weeks. Please continue to be vigilant in your pharmacies. These are classed as clinical areas and you must continue to wear appropriate PPE. We are aware of lots of COVID19 cases in pharmacies at present, putting the network under increasing strain. We are really grateful to you all for keeping community pharmacy services afloat during these challenges.

### 2. Are You an Independent Prescriber?

We are recruiting more IPs to become part of the COVID19 treatment service network. Shifts can be complete while having double cover in place or in your own time at weekday/weekends. There is no minimum time commitment. Shifts are available Monday – Friday 8am-1pm, 12pm-5pm and 1pm-6pm. Saturdays 10am-3pm and Sundays 11am-1pm. If you are interested, Email [gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.pharmaceuticalcareservices@nhs.scot)

### 3. Introducing the National Trauma Training Programme

A free webinar will take place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 10-11:30am to introduce the National Trauma Training Programme (NTTP). It is open to anyone with an interest in learning more about the programme. We would encourage pharmacy teams to attend this. To register your attendance please [click here](#). For more information on the framework [click here](#).

### 4. Duty of Candour Resources

Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians across different settings work hard to provide person-centred, safe and effective care to patients. But, in reality sometimes things go wrong. The resources attached to this email focuses on duty of candour and learning from real life examples.

### 5. SLA Training Requirements/Core Modules

We are aware some of the SLA reference the training checklist and this has not yet been uploaded to the CP website. We are currently working on this and should be uploaded to the website very soon. If you have any queries in relation to training or TURAS please contact us by email to resolve.



## 6. Travel Service Pharmacies – VMT Update

Some of the travel vaccines are now live on VMT. These are cholera, hep A and typhoid (individual vaccines only). We are still waiting for Revaxis and HepA/Typhoid combination vaccines to be added therefore will go live once all vaccines are available to record.

## 7. Reminder: 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.

## 8. Reminder: 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.

## 9. Future of the PCS Brief

Back in the 20<sup>th</sup> May update we ask for your opinion on this weekly brief. Thank you to all who responded, an overwhelming majority continue to read the brief and prefer your weekly roundup rather than several emails sent throughout the week. We will continue however to send separate emails if communications is of urgency. We have read through your suggestions and continue to consider these. If you did not respond to the survey or have any further suggestions please do not hesitate to email us. A reminder all weekly brief are uploaded to the CP website [here](#). This webpage includes key words which can be searched by selecting both your “Ctrl” & “F” key.

Thanks for your continued hard work this week. Have a great weekend.

Kindest regards,



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