

Pharmacy & Medicines Directorate Weekly Update



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Alendronic Acid 70mg Tablets-Shortage

A shortage of Alendronic acid 70mg tablets has been identified. At present we understand this will be out of stock until end of August 2022. The information attached to this email has been produced in collaboration with the Rheumatology specialist service to support the management of patients for the duration of the shortage.

Intermittent Supply Issues-Citalopram 20mg

There will be intermittent supply issues of citalopram 20mg tablets with the supply situation looking to improve in mid-August 2022. Suppliers of citalopram 20mg tablets continue to make deliveries throughout July and August 2022. Citalopram 10mg and 40mg tablets remain available but cannot support an uplift in demand.

Staying Hydrated When Using Substances

We are not always used to sunshine in Scotland and therefore people can forget the risks of dehydration in warmer weather. A variety of substances can cause dehydration, these include alcohol, stimulants such as cocaine and ecstasy and opioids such as heroin or codeine. People who use drugs may be affected by homelessness or may spend prolonged periods

outdoors exposed to the weather conditions with limited access to fluids and are therefore vulnerable to overheating and dehydration. For more information please see attached web link [here](#). It may be useful to remind your substance misuse patients of this information.

Pharmacy Indivior Training-Cancelled

You may have seen information in last week's update about a training session hosted by Indivior on use of Suboxone film. This training session has now been postponed. We will advise of a new training date in due course.

Smoking Cessation PCR Recording- NRT Products

Reminder in relation to PCR records under the smoking cessation service to not place "UNKNOWN" as an entry alongside NRT products. You should know which product has been supplied and it is important that the records on file reflect this. If you don't know which product they are using or if they are not using a product, please instead write "NONE".

Crime Prevention Contact

Do you have any concerns or queries about the security of your pharmacy? If you do then please email the North East Crime Reduction Police team at Northeastcrimereduction@Scotland.Police.uk who will be happy to assist.

Right Care Right Place

The Scottish Government's "Right Care Right Place" Campaign has launched to help the public understand their options for urgent care across A&E, NHS24 on 111 and General Practice. This campaign will include digital, radio and partnership activity and will run across a 4 week period. It would greatly

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appreciated if you could share the campaign content across your channels and social media. Website for more information can be [found here](#).

Updated Palliative Care Network List

Please be advised the Core Palliative Drug List has been updated to now include **Hydromorphone Amps 2mg/1ml (2x5)**. Reminder only expired stock can be claimed via the PCCT claim workbook.

General Practice Contact Emails

A reminder to all pharmacies to use clinical mailboxes when communicating with practices. Under no circumstances should the administration mailbox be contacted. If you are unsure which mailbox to contact please contact your local practice to confirm.

Community Pharmacy Scotland Newsletter Round-up

Reminder of the important news shared by CPS. If you would like also receive these updates please contact enquiries@cps.scot. Web links can be accessed by clicking on below graphics.

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Press Release: Drug Death Taskforce

Community Pharmacy Scotland welcomes the final report from the Drugs Death Taskforce.

[Read More](#)

DO YOU NEED HELP TO MANAGE ASTHMA?

Asthma and Allergy Foundation is a charity that provides evidence-based health information, confidential advice, and support to people with asthma, their families, and carers across Scotland.

The charity is run by individuals with personal asthma experiences, committed to providing information, education, and support. **They have asked CPS to promote the below flyer to be displayed in your pharmacies.**

If you would like to speak with someone from our advice line:

Call: 0141 5010539
Email: vicki.rae@asthmaandallergy.org.uk

[Download Flyer Here](#)

NHS Pharmacy First Scotland - Annual Ask Me Anything 2022

NHS Pharmacy First Scotland is now 2 years old and since launch the service has grown and developed to bring the best care to the people of Scotland.

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Post-Registration Foundation Training - Information Sessions

Calling all newly qualified pharmacists and their employers!

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Have a great weekend from all within the Pharmaceutical Care Services Team

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